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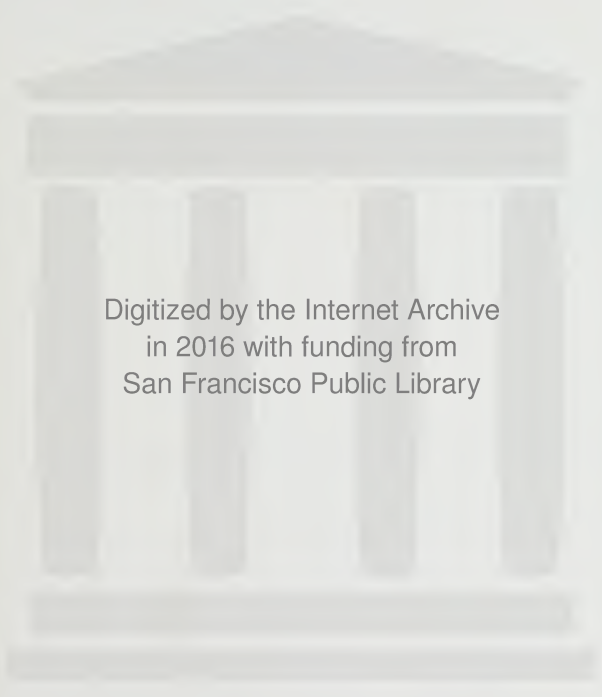


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LOCATION: CITY HALL, ROOM 408
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

Note: The Elections Task Force on Redistricting will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item. At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Elections Task Force on Redistricting and that do not appear on the agenda.

- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2/19/02, 3/12/02, 3/18/02 (TASK FORCE MEETING), 3/14/02, 3/16/02, 3/19/02, 3/20/02 (TASK FORCE COMMUNITY MEETINGS), AND 3/15/02 (OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING). (ACTION ITEM)
- 4) PUBLIC COMMENT ON REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND MAP MODELS CREATED TO DATE.
- 5) PRESENTATION FROM SCHEDULED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING REDISTRICTING . (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

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- 6) PRESENTATION BY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT OF PRELIMINARY MAPS, AND DISCUSSION OF RELATED ISSUES. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 7) PRESENTATION BY BUDGET COMMITTEE, INCLUDING UPDATE ON BUDGET EXPENSES TO DATE AND PROJECTED ITEMS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 8) PRESENTATION BY OUTREACH COMMITTEE AND NEIGHBORHOOD/OUTREACH CONSULTANT ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS, AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 9) PRESENTATION BY POLLING CONSULTANT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON SURVEY ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 10) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 11) TASK FORCE MEMBER BUSINESS. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.
- 12) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
- 13) ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes of the

San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting Regular Meeting

City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 408

April 1st, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to order and Roll Call:

Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Murray, Bowman Leong, David Bisho, John Trasvina, Quintin Mecke, Claudine Cheng, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Rebecca Prozan

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Elise Johnson and Leah Hooker

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Agenda - Elections Redistricting Task Force Meeting, 4/01/02 at 7:00 p.m.
- Redistricting, Reprecincting & Elections Task Force Budget Considerations (3-21-02)
- Technical Consultant's Maps 1&2 and accompanying statistics
- Draft Minutes 3/12/02 Task Force Meeting
- Draft Minutes 3/14/02 Special (Community) Meeting
- Draft Minutes 3/16/02 Special (Community) Meeting
- Draft Minutes 3/18/02 Task Force Meeting
- Draft Minutes 3/19/02 Special (Community) Meeting
- Draft Minutes 3/20/02 Special (Community) Meeting

II. Public Comment on matters appearing or not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Elections Task Force:

Chris Bowman I'd like to comment on the proposals from last Thursday's meeting. In both plans Precinct 2002 is moved into District 7. This is the 7th largest Filipino precinct in the city. Moving this precinct would significantly impact the Filipino community and that should be taken into consideration when drawing final lines.

I also have done some research on the Democratic, Republican, and Green Party voter registration in the various districts. For Republicans, District 2 has the largest population with 27.5% of district registered as republicans. District 7 is at 19.9%, District 3 at 17.3%, District 4 at 15% and District 1at 14.9%. All other districts are at or below 13.2% which is the city average. I would say that the republicans represent a community of interest in San Francisco and should be given due consideration; avoid diluting their voting power in those districts where they have a strong presence.

Cheng Where is Precinct 2002?

Bowman Under 280

Deborah Walker Harvey, Milk GLBT Democratic Club We would like to submit criteria for your consideration on what to consider when drawing the lines. We have four criteria. 1. Preserving/increasing voting strength of "racial minorities"/communities of color. We commend you for making this such a high priority. However, we ask that you not look at this issue in isolation but in conjunction with socio-economic factors. You should do this by looking at renters across the city. Creating a "renters" overlay would give you a strong indication of both minority populations and low propensity voters because renters tend to be minorities and are less likely to vote than homeowners. 2. Preserving/increasing voting strength of "sexual minorities"/LGBT community. While the task force appears to be taking this criteria into account, we remain concerned that it is not receiving the appropriate level of concern that it should receive from the task force as a whole. In our view, although not mandated by the Voting Rights Act or by current constitutional case law, this criteria should receive similar emphasis as that accorded to preserving the voting strength of communities of color. For example, in the maps presented by the Civil Rights Coalition (MALDEF, CAA, et. Al.) on March 28, District 8 was extended over Twin Peaks into the Midtown Terrace, areas that contain few LGBT voters, are conservative socially, and do not share a sympathy for the issues of LGBT voters as is evidenced by their voting patterns on those issues. Some of the other maps also make this same extension over Twin Peaks. Such an extension would dilute the voting power of LGBT residents of the City and therefore this option should not be on the table. Moreover, if one again applies the overlay of a renter community analysis, it becomes clear that the areas West of Twin Peaks should not be added to district 8. Midtown Terrace is almost exclusively homeowners where as district 8 is significantly renters and votes solidly pro-renter. We would also encourage you to use the results of Prop 22 to factor in LGBT who are single or not in a cohabitating situation. Those members of our community are significant and are not represented in the census data. 3. Residents of Geographic Interest. We agree that this is an important criteria but suggest that it be considered only after giving consideration to racial minorities, LGBT voting strength and renter voting strength.

Trasvina When we discussed these issues we looked at the current situation and then looked at how a group's distribution would change when we moved the lines. Can you provide feedback on how the proposed map will impact the LGBT community?

Walker Well, that's why we're requesting the renter's overlay and the use of Prop 22 results. That will give us a better idea of where our population really is.

Trasvina So then you don't know where District 8 is and how your community will be impacted by possible changes?

Walker I don't understand what you're asking

Trasvina We need a starting point to determine if we are diluting the population or not.

Walker If you look at the neighborhood overlay and consider the results of Prop 22 that will give you a good starting point. The alignment you are considering would put us in the same district as homeowners with very different views, as shown by their voting record than our own.

Murray Regarding the conservative voters you don't want in your district, is there another area you would feel more comfortable being aligned with?

Walker No, my real concern is that we need a way to accurately assess the single LGBT population.

Murray I'm trying to see if finding sympathetic community to join with your area would be possible.

Walker Perhaps, I would have to take a closer look. We really like the area the way it is now.

Robert Haaland I wanted to say nice work to the task force. You have a very difficult job. I hope when you draw the lines you will pay close attention to the racial strength of people of color. I also am concerned about the accuracy of census data on the LGBT community. People living in roommate situations, not as couples don't get counted in the census data accurately.

Murray Right, I understand but I'm also wondering if you would consider grouping your population with a sympathetic group would be a positive outcome.

Haaland Yes, it would. I also really feel that you need to look at renters differently. Renters have a completely different set of priorities and needs from homeowners. I think you need to look at renter's rights as a separate community of interest.

Enrigue Asis I'm with the Harvey Milk Association. I am a South American immigrant. I applaud and commend the task force for emphasizing racial communities given history of immigrant/people of color displacement – especially in Market, Filmore, and Mission districts. You should consider the economic vulnerability of immigrants. The best way to do so is through keeping renters together.

Myrna Lim with the democratic council. I'm looking at precinct 2002 in the Bowman proposal. The Filipino population has suffered a lot of displacement. We are the 2nd largest Asian population in the city but the most underrepresented. Organizing is difficult because we lack power and we have a lot of special needs. We are working class immigrants trying to organize. If you remove precinct 2002 (very high Filipino population) it will be very difficult to get representation or to further organize.

Trasvina Thank you for your testimony. It would be helpful to us to get further information on Filipino residential areas in Northern distr 11. If you could show us the largest Filipino precincts so that we don't inadvertently neglect the population?

Lim Yes, I can do that. Thank you.

Micheal Antonini I'm in district 7 The Midtown Terrace (precincts 2514,15,16) should stay in district 7 not move to district 8. This makes sense socioeconomically. If we need to increase population you should look at Crestlake Park and Sloat. They are very similar to us and fit better in 7 than in 4 anyway. Regarding precincts 2001/2002. If you need to keep 2002 in 11, fine, but 2001 would be better in 7.

Craig Are you talking about precincts or census blocks?

Anotonini Precincts West of Twin Peaks would be a good place to divide district 7 and district 8.

Mark Barnes District 3 resident. Some plans have gone to an extreme to satisfy one criteria. Leaving out common sense. A major flaw of the current District 3 is that it doesn't go far enough on Van Ness. It cuts out Russian Hill which should be within District 3. I'm concerned with access the supervisor has to public in district. Conceptual Image 5 and preliminary plan 1 are good. Simplicity is the key.

John deCastro, Potrero Hill. Attended the Potrero Booster Meeting; we very strongly believe that Potrero Hill should stay in District 10 because of the land use and planning issues that are ongoing. We meet monthly to discuss problems. We know that District 10 has to shrink. I think the most logical thing is to keep Portola whole and move it to District 9. Potrero Hill is a neighborhood of home-owners, and it would be a mistake to mix us with District 6.

Sandy Mori I am active in the Japantown neighborhood. I thank the task force for your hard work throughout the City. I'd like to reiterate the legal requirement criteria of communities of interest. We have a common geography, social, and economic and political history for Japantown. There are only 3 remaining Japantowns in the America: San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Jose. San Francisco probably has the most active Japantown. We want to preserve the Japantown geographic area. Please consider this in the redistricting process. Thank you.

Craig Japantown may not be denoted on the maps, but I want you to know that Japantown has been in our discussions a great deal. We have discussed keeping Japantown united, but the question is should it be District 5 or District 2? Do you have any comment on that?

Mori It would be great to keep it in District 5.

Cheng What are the precise lines of Japantown? Suggested boundaries?

Mori California, Gough, O'Farrell, and Steiner streets.

Doug Comstock, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, District 5 I think it's important to remember what district elections are about. Someone from each district should be

able to go out and talk to their neighbors. That's what district elections are for. I think we're forgetting some of that. I'm very nervous about Clarendon Heights. I'm glad you've made Hayes Valley a whole neighborhood. I did speak out against the inclusion of Inner Sunset in our district, but placing Clarendon Heights in it's place is not acceptable. I hope you reconsider that in your maps.

Babette Drefky, Potrero Hill I would like to see Potrero Hill put back to its regular boundary: Waterfront, Cesar Chavez, Potrero, Townsend, but because we need the population for this map, we'll extend to Townsend instead up to Market Street. That would make a nice compact district. We have the same problems and interests. Some of ours interests are zoning, height limit, traffic, the ballpark, the parking situation, the live work with nightclubs, Mission Bay, the helicopter pad. We would like to be together with those boundaries. If we have these boundaries, we will be closer to the Hall of Justice and the south Station, so that we can work with them. The district is too large now, please cut off some of it.

Murray Are you asking for Potrero Hill to be put in District 6?

Drefky We consider our boundaries: Waterfront, Cesar Chavez, Potrero, Townsend

Cheng I think she wants to extend to District 6

Joanie Levey, President of District 3 Democratic Club I would like to urge you to accept Plan 1 for District 3. We are a community of interest. Among our interests are: Land use. There are two commercial districts in District 3, the NorthBeach commercial district, and Polk Street district. With Plan 1, all of the Polk Street area will be in District 3. We have lots of renters, if the western side and eastern side of Russian Hill is put into District 2, our renters will lose their voice. They will be gobbled up by the community of homeowners in Pacific Heights. Because of geographic compactness, all of Russian Hill should be included. Our district includes lower Knob Hill. We have a great mix of economic diversity, lets keep it that way.

Craig What would remedy the separation of the Polk Street Commercial District issue?

Levey If you look at the commercial zones, the Polk Street commercial begins at City Hall and travels all the way up east of Van Ness to the Bay. But on Green Street, District 3 stops. We are not just residents, we are small business owners, we are a true community.

Craig It would be remedied by Van Ness all the way to Bay Street.

Myrna Lim submitted a Filipino Map created by Christopher Bowman.

End of Public Comment.

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Motion 040102-1 (Murray, seconded by Leong) Carry discussion of minutes over to the next full task force meeting so that the task force committee can spend the full measure of time on maps and public comment tonight.
Motion passes unanimously.

Motion 040102-2 (Murray, seconded by Cheng) Discuss Agenda Item 6 at this point in time so that we can hear from technical consultants on the preliminary maps.
Motion passes unanimously.

6) PRESENTATION BY TECHNICAL CONSULTANT OF PRELIMINARY MAPS, AND DISCUSSION OF RELATED ISSUES. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Murray requested that there be a 5 minutes recess for task force members to have a look at the large maps prepared.

5 minute recess.

MacDonald presented a map of Plan 1.

Craig Tonight we are making decision on which proposals to accept for the next round of meetings. These will sort of serve as a basis for discussion from this point on.

Cheng We are also considering submissions as well.

Craig Yes, and we'll discuss how to utilize those. April 5th is the deadline.

MacDonald reviewed the map, highlighting it district-by-district, keeping neighborhoods whole, and uniting where possible using a realty map:

District 1	Unites USF
District 2	Picks up Japantown (with borders discussed)
District 3	Russian Hill united
District 4	the same
District 5	Hayes Valley, UCSF
District 6	Cuts the Mission into pieces because District 10. Goal in the map was To not split Potrero Hill. Potrero Hill goes into District 6. Keeps Dogpatch intact and keeps it with Potrero Hill. This maps does the opposite of what the MALDEF map does. Also equalizes the population The tenderloin is united in District 6
District 9	Has other part of the Mission, part of Portola. Portola is split because of Potrero Hill move.
District 8	Includes Duboce Triange, Unites Glen Park
District 7	District 11 moves into District 7. District 11 is the same as the District 11 Council map which determines boundaries for Districts 7, the lower part of District 10, District 9

MacDonald The population deviations are fairly good with the exception of District 9 on Preliminary Plan 1, which is 3.81% under, and District 11, which is 2% over.

Craig We'll take public comment at the end of the presentation.

Ashton The first thing I did on my map was to fulfill the requirements you outlined for us as best as I could, making the initial changes to the existing districts first:

- Japantown and Hayes Valley put in District 5

- USF put in District 1

- Duboce Triangle put in District 8

- Left Treasure Island in District 6

- Mission BART Station in District 9

- Tenderloin in District 6

- UCSF in District 5

- Russian Hill in District 2

- Reunited the neighborhood in Lake

- The District 2 boundary is lowered to catch all of Lake Street. This alters District 1 to pick up USF.

- Districts 2, 1, and 3 are already set so move south to get the entire university.

- Had to split Inner Sunset in District 5

- Did best to unite the Inner Sunset in District 7

- District 4 left unchanged

- Potrero Hill put in District 6

- Portola made whole in District 10

- West Addition in District 6, the border between 5 and 6, had to cut 6 into 5 to pick up population for District 6

- Glen Park united in District 8

- Un-split the Lake neighborhood split

Craig What is the southern border where Hayes Valley goes District 5?

Ashton The Haight and park area. Those neighborhoods were split, and I un-split those as well.

Cheng Both maps drafted on guiding principles, I think it'll be very helpful if you can tell me if Plan 2 incorporates more of what we talked about.

MacDonald I think Plan 2 is a better redistricting plan, but it's deviation is also very high.

Cheng I'm concerned that we have some very specific 10-12 points.

Ashton There's two moves in every map that you need to consider. The first move is Russian Hill. If you want to keep Russian Hill united, then District 3 cannot move south at all. It sets things in stone. It has a hierarchy of what you do to the maps. Plan 1's main objective is keeping Potrero Hill in District 10.

MacDonald It snowballs basically, if you want Potrero Hill in District 10, then you end up with something very similar to Plan 1.

Ashton Or the MALDEF plan

Ashon We were trying to avoid replicating the MALDEF plan, so that you will have something different, so that you can see the complexities of the process, and so that the public can see different options and react.

Prozan The UCSF block in District 5, what is the population % of that area?

MacDonald That's a block split in the middle. We can look it up.

Prozan I want to know if its more important to keep Inner Sunset in District 5 over splitting UCSF.

MacDonald The inner sunset is split in both maps.

Donaldson In Plan 1, it appears that District 10 goes into what was District 6. Can you elaborate on what is included in that.

MacDonald We stuck to the neighborhood boundaries, that is the neighborhood boundary of Potrero Hill according to the map.

Donaldson You can shift District 9 up to where it was.

Ashton You can shift it a little, but not much.

Donaldson With District 9 going back to where it was, then its population will return to near where it was.

MacDonald We could try it, but it goes into District 6. We can look into it.

Mecke I'm sorry, I missed the meeting when the criteria was discussed. About our own methodology, do we want to work our way through one map first, or do we want to jump back and forth between the two maps?

Craig We're discussing both maps right now.

Mecke In Plan 2, including the Midtown/Terrace area in District 8 seems inappropriate. Also, curious about UCSF population, as it's not residential. Plan 2, on District 5, there a block cut up and see 6 cut in and then cut out; is there any reasoning for that.

Ashton That was taking 6 blocks to help the population

Mecke Okay. And between District 6 and District 9 there's sort of a step ladder transition, what's the logic for that?

Ashton The step ladder was just for the population, and also to make sure that the 16th Street BART station was in.

MacDonald We were told to un-spilt the UCSF neighborhood because its an institution.

Craig Actually, it's okay to split UCSF, we didn't want you to split USF.

MacDonald Okay

Bisho Midtown Terrace feels very strongly about being in District 7

MacDonald What is the boundary of Midtown Terrace?

Bisho 7th Avenue, Clarendon, and the line between District 5 & District 8 that separates Forrest Knowles from Midtown Terrace.

Mecke Is there anything preventing us from making draft changes?

Craig Time

Mecke Just checking

Cheng The process is very confusing. We're commenting on the two maps produced by the consultants. For the second round of community hearing, is the public invited to comment on all the proposals?

Craig We haven't decided that but we will tonight. We'll decide what we'll bring to the hearings.

Murray If we provide feedback to our consultants for minor changes that we want, maybe we can have maps to take to our community meetings. If not for tomorrow's meeting, perhaps for our later meetings.

Craig I see concern on the face of the Ms. MacDonald and I know now that making small changes can result in large deviations. Ms. MacDonald, what is your concern?

MacDonald Time line, we'd have to work through the night. This honestly takes a long time. My understanding we'd do this end of week, we'd incorporate all changes.

Cheng Seems like the API is diluted in both plans. It's 49% versus the 46% in Plan 1, and 48% in Plan 2.

MacDonald Regarding the statistics, you have to add together the percent of non-Latinos Asians to the percent of non-Latino native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander, and compare the figures with the 1990 census number for Asian Pacific Islanders.

Ashton The API population went down in my map. The piece you can switch is with Russian Hill. When Russian Hill is kept in District 3 and the Lake portion put in District 1, the API would go up. It would then change the API for District 1 and District 2. If you want Russian Hill in District 3, you have the lower API population we have.

Murray I think we maybe go back to look at what the defined boundaries are for the neighborhood and also look at the statistics for the specific census block and there may be some minor adjustments to fix that issue while generally keeping to the sense of Proposal 1 or Proposal 2. There are some big swings in population density in some one block areas in the Russian Hill and Chinatown. Such as Leavenworth Street.

MacDonald If you want us to explore that border, we can do an analysis and tell you what would happen..

Cheng Yes, that would be helpful.

Trasvina How much did you factor the Voting Rights Act in the Plans? Asian American have big drops in their percentages in Plan 1(District 10, District 11) and Plan 3. The Latino community drops in District 9 fairly substantially. Sounds like the Voting Rights Acts played second fiddle.

MacDonald We did not define any of the neighborhoods. The neighborhoods were defined by the neighborhood map. We looked at what you told us to look at. We did not do an analysis with the Voting Rights Acts.

Trasvina That's what I wanted to make sure was in the record (that there was no analysis of the Voting Rights Act). Also, with District 9, I don't think anyone suggested bringing District 9 down to the Mistral Street in public testimony or in a task force meeting. Yet that's part of Plan 1. It seems like whoever defined the neighborhoods, that took greater precedent over the Voting Rights Act. In terms of District 11, my impression was when Bruce Cain was leading us, that we did not make a decision on District 10 about Potrero Hill (in or out). And on District 11, I felt that the civil rights organization's map should be considered as the District 11 plan in addition to the District 11 Council's proposal. I expected that we would have 4 maps tonight, with two different treatments of District 10s and two different treatments of District 11s.

MacDonald I was told to lay off the coalition map plans because there are changes. They haven't gotten back to us yet. Also, preliminary Plan 1 circled about the issue of keeping Potrero Hill whole.

Trasvina Most of the discussion surrounding Potrero Hill involves whether or not it's in District 6 or District 10. The secondary issue surrounding Potrero Hill is whether or not it is split. It seem like you can accomplish a more favorable District 9 if you split it in the northern part. The question is if you want to split Mission or Potrero Hill.

Cain You have to instruct us to do that. Also, Diana said that Potrero Hill does not have near the population of the Mission. Splitting Potrero Hill won't save the Mission much. The two most overpopulated districts are 10 and 11. I told you last week that decisions on District 10 and District 11 would affect the rest of the City and you'd have to decide that and make painful cuts. With regards to the Voting Rights Act, you didn't adopt any particular guidelines. In terms of overall guidelines, you didn't adopt anything with regards to the City. For the record, a Voting Rights analysis is much more complex than simply looking at the percentages. It involves looking at racially polarized voting, looking VAP numbers, and involves what you can do in

terms of the redistricting. Within your Charter mandate, you're to protect various minority groups. It's going to be possible once you choose a framework and if you're willing to forgo some compactness. The consultants can fiddle with the border some, and get the numbers back up. But you've got to decide on your moves. Those have got to be your critical decisions. You've got to worry about your big moves.

Donaldson So we should first decide where Potrero Hill goes and where Russian Hill goes?

Cain Yes.

Donaldson And then you'll be able to factor in all the other complexities?

Cain Well, you've got a good feel for what happens with each of move. Some of the things are adjustable. For example, increasing the Asian population in District 3. It may be possible to do more with very jagged lines. But keeping Portola whole, or when you get District 5, a lot of that will be impacted by your decisions. You've got to start at areas of greatest impact and make your decisions there.

Donaldson Madam Chair, should we then get a sense of this task force as to these two important issues?

Craig I'll be happy to hear the will of the body on that issue.

Murray I'm unwilling to make the call either way. We decided that we have no opinion yet. We have another week of public feedback.

Cheng I think we should wait until the end of the week.

Donaldson So are we saying we're going to get a better sense from our community meetings this week as to what the population wishes for Potrero Hill and Russian Hill? It seems to me that Potrero Hill want to be united with Bayview. And Russian Hill would like to be together. What are we going to get from our meetings this week that will affect our decision?

Murray With regard to Potrero Hill, we are going to be at a different part of Potrero Hill this week, so we may hear a different point of view. With regard to Russian Hill, we know that it'll be reunited, but the question is if it's in District 2 or 3.

Ashton If they don't like the map, let's get new borders from the public (like they did with Japantown).

Leong I also think we'll get better turnout and better input as evidenced by tonight. As we get closer to the date, we'll get more interest as we move into the next phase.

Mecke Donaldson make a good point. What is our opinion, what are our interests? I think what he's asking is to find out what our personal views are so we know where things are going before we're at community meetings. It's a discussion for now rather than later.

Prozan We did have that discussion last Thursday about Potrero Hill. I think we were very split down the middle. Neither of these maps makes or breaks the Potrero/Russian Hill issue and I do think more public input is necessary. I'm still not decided.

Mecke I completely understand that, but what I'm suggesting, is that we set our criteria about public input. It's difficult to go forward without naming criteria.

Murray Can we put either positions in the form of a motion?

MOTION (Donaldson, seconded by Bisho) The commission is make to decision/vote on where to place Portrero Hill and Russian Hill at tonight's meeting.

Prozan It's disingenuous to take this vote tonight and then go into Portrero Hill tomorrow.

Bisho We just need a starting point, right? Is this decision etched in stone?

Donaldson No, we can always change our mind.

Trasvina One issue that just showed up is what impact Potrero Hill has on Mission. It's too early to vote just yet. We need to get more of an understanding on what maps are impacted.

Mecke I think its disingenuous to not make any decisions. All we're saying is right now is we have an intent to doing the following. It makes it hard for communities to give input.

Craig Personally I don't think we're ready to decide. We should get more community input, polling, meetings, etc, though I acknowledge the need to guide our consultants.

Donaldson May we hear from our consultants about what they prefer.

MacDonald I like to discuss the possibility of having a marathon meeting on April 8th to move lines and see the impact.

Donaldson On that basis, I'm willing to withdraw my motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN (Donaldson) The commission is to decide on where to place Portrero Hill and Russian Hill at tonight's meeting.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT ON REDISTRICTING PROCESS AND MAP MODELS CREATED TO DATE.

Rebecca Silverberg I attended a District 7 meeting and participants of the Sunnyside Group indicated that they wanted to be in District 8. That would be logical, and will help to even out Districts 7 and 8. The boundaries: Manges in North, Judson in the South, Havloc, 280 East, Ridgewood in the West. It's the area behind City College.

Bisho Read the notes prepared by Johnson for the meeting:

- Sunnyside residents are more aligned on issues to the residents of Glen Park in Dist 8

- Sunnyside residents look to Glen Park located in District 8 as a transportation and commercial area, and not to the remainder of District 7

Bowman I would ask you to go to the second page of both proposals. And also if you have the current ethnic breakdowns of the current lines compared to the ball. I want to point out a couple of things. Trasvina and Murray touched upon it. If you look at District 3, start at 49.04, in Plan 2 you have 47.68, and Plan 1 you have 45.66, nearly a drop of 3.5 points. If you look at the Hispanic population in District 9, you start 49%, in Plan 1, you 43.87% a drop of 5.2%, whereas in Plan 2 you have an increase by about 1 point. I'm unhappy that the criteria dealt with neighborhoods. It didn't deal with the issue of voting rights. I believe Plan 2 should be the basis of your planning, but should be tweaked for Asian and Hispanics. All of USF needs to be in District 5. Don't split the institution at its headquarters.

Joanie Levey, lives on the east side of Russian Hill. I have 2 proposals, District 3 Democratic Club was founded 3 years ago. There was a niche cut out of Russian Hill that was in District 3. We got out and registered about 800-1000 voters. Worked hard. Stood on street corners of Northbeach and Chinatown. We could not register Chinese Americans and Pacific Islanders. Those that we did register, we had to drive to the polls. Issue is the number of people of color who actually register and vote in a district. This has been my experience in District 3.

Murray What is your conclusion is that you would like us to do what?

Levey I think Plan 1, which keeps Russian Hill, Northbeach, Telegraph Hill together in District 3. We're a real community.

Kay Burke District 3, Prefers Plan 1. I've done voter registration in this area since 1988. When you look at Plan 2, adding more AIP, doesn't add more clout to it. I went to a number of street fairs to register people.

Craig Don't understand voter registration issue.

Burke What is your concept of what these districts mean? Just population and ethnic make up has nothing to do with if people can and will vote. If you look at the Asian, Pacific Islander population, in their districts, there aren't going to be many voters, the voting population is going down. The numbers you're working from doesn't make sense. The population keeps going down the further you take it away from Plan 1.

Nancy Rosenthal, District 3 Democratic Club Our concerned as a club in getting people to vote. We like Plan 1 because it keeps Russian Hill together. This neighborhood map looks like it was put together by some real estate agent because doesn't even have Russian Hill Street in Russian Hill. I think the task force needs to ask the public what do they consider their neighborhoods so that you can tell your consultants and get your money's worth.

Craig Maybe you can get the ball rolling by telling us what you consider Russian Hill.

Rosenthal Van Ness to Sutter to Market to Bay.

Craig Did you say Market Street?

Rosenthal Russian Hill goes Van Ness to Pacific to Mason to the Ocean

Rosenthal In community meetings, you should start telling the public about population problem in those two districts.

Craig That's exactly what we did.

Raymond Vitale, District 8, Plan 2, which incorporates West of Twin Peaks, I don't see that as part of the neighborhood I currently live in. I have a map that moves District 8 a little to the east and the north.

I've submitted a map with the assistance of the consultants.

Murray Is your submission an individual submission or on behalf of a group?

Vitale An individual submission.

Murray I was just wondering, because I haven't seen it yet.

Vitale I did it over the weekend with the consultants, I believe they just got it today.

Murray It will be submitted then?

Vitale Yes

Bisho What district do you live in again?

Vitale District 8, in the heart of the Castro.

Joe Boss, Potrero/Dog Patch. There is a need for Portrero Hill to remain in District 10. Plan 1 doesn't call for no major surgery, Plan 2 does call for major surgery. I am in favor of Plan 1. Portrero Hill does have a turn out of 40 to 50% of the voters. The one female black supervisor has been elected because of Potrero Hill. Why are these white people, these homeowners, electing a minority supervisor? I haven't been able to figure it out. Unless they are looking at the situation. But, having said that, getting back to focusing on the preponderance to vote or the ethnic or sexual persuasion and so forth. If you're going to start there, then start there. Don't start with these maps. Don't start with what we have now. Start all over. And you'll have some very interesting lines. I think we're so mixed that we try really hard to pretend we don't have diversity. That's really sad. Let's look at neighborhoods, planning issues look at where the city is moving and get on with it.

Cheng I'd like to get some clarification on what redistricting is about. I'd like the City Attorney give us 3 minutes on the criteria that we have adopted, what do we have to do with population, what do we have to do with voting propensity because it's very important that everyone is on the same page as to why and what redistricting is all about.

Craig Mr. Jacobs, there does seem to be some confusion on the population versus the voting population. Perhaps if you could summarize what we are obligated to do in redistricting.

Jacobs The federal constitution requires that supervisorial district or any legislative district be equal in overall population as directed by the census or some other verifiable means of the amount of people in a certain area. It does not relate to the voting age population nor the people who are actually registered to vote. It just relates to the overall population. So that is the very first requirement. Related to equal population, the San Francisco Charter actually mandates that you can only have a 1% variance from the mean. So you can only vary the number of people in each district by above or below 1% (which is about 706 people). Now there is an exception to that rule which say that you can go up to a 5% variance (about 3000 people), for two reasons, 1) to keep recognized neighborhoods intact or 2) to help prevent the dilution of minority voting power. Now that minority voting power is racial and language minority. That does not include some of the other minority populations, such as political parties.

Some legal criteria that must be considered include the Voting Rights Act. The Voting Rights Act requires that you don't draw district lines in a manner that dilutes the voting power of these racial and language minorities. In order to satisfy whether or not there is dilution, there are 3 preconditions, the Gingles Preconditions: 1. the minority is sufficiently large and geographically compact, 2. minority group is politically cohesive, 3. block voting subverts minority (not racially polarized voting). There is a possibility of violating VR Act, it will be difficult to prove. But anytime a minority population goes down in a district, creates a suspect situation.

Bisho It sounds to me that we shouldn't be considering those.

Jacobs No, if we can draw lines for a compact district to reach over 50% minorities representation (i.e. the Hispanic population in the Mission) that would meet the number 1 requirement, but to be in violation, we would have to fail test 2 and 3. So that's why it's important that you look at these racial considerations.

But the 14th Amendment doesn't allow race to be the only factor. It's a balancing task. Need to also consider traditional districting principles (taking political parties, social minorities into account, geographically compact, propensity to vote, etc.), as you had adopted at the beginning of the process.

The Charter also requires that you consider communities of interests, and try not to split them among the various district.

Cheng I heard that the civil rights organizations are amending their maps. Have we heard when will they submit their revised version.

Craig Miss Chin is here to discuss.

Diane Chin We're discussing some changes to District 11. I don't think we have major changes. It'll be a couple of days.

Cheng Would those be made available during the community meetings?

Craig That hasn't been discussed yet, but we should discuss it.

Trasvina In Districts 10 and 9 together, does the scenario would run afoul of the Voting Rights Act if we split the Mission to keep Portrero Hill together. Would need official request?

Jacobs Yes, need official request if that's the will of the task force.

Mecke Clarification on the Voting Rights act. Just because percentages go down, we aren't necessarily in violation of the Voting Rights Acts. There are several different scenarios to look at. Keep in mind that it's a complex process. Changing statistics by part of a percentage in a minority groups doesn't indicate a violation.

Jacobs I certainly agree with commissioner Mecke, that's it's not a clear violation by statistics, but it is a strong indication that 50% down to 40% would be a signal for a challenge. I would urge you to be very careful of taking that sort of action.

Cain When do you the first precondition of the Gingles test, that's the job that is given to a political scientist, and so I've done this. You would not use population, you use voting age population. Now there's some variation in the circuit courts whether to use voting age population or citizen voting age population. But the point is the same for us, which is if you were to go to VAP you have no district in San Francisco which comes close to meeting the criteria of the Gingles first precondition. That's why I urge you, as I did to the City of San Diego, to not think of this as a legal matter, but because in the spirit of the Charter you have two different types of communities. You have your neighborhood groups and racial informal groups. Both are legitimate and your job is to find a balance between those groups. I don't think it's a matter of litigation.

Murray We should look at our schedule to make sure we have enough time for specific voting rights feedback on our final plan before we vote on it. Do we have enough time for that? We should allow time for a voting right analysis of our plan before final vote.

Bisho You mean that wasn't clear enough? Is that what you're saying?

Craig We mean as it pertains to a specific plan. As we go to our hearings, we need to make some decision about what materials we go out with. My preference is to decide to take everything we have on the road. Show the maps that have been developed using the criteria where we have consensus and demonstrating the major areas that we don't. And give the public opportunity to see these submissions. We'll need some sort of display for public submissions.

Leong I agree with you, I think we should display the various maps.

Murray We need to make distinction between group and individual submissions. We have 4 or 5 submitted maps at this point. Perhaps we can put individual and small area group map submissions in a binder.

Cheng What about electronic copies for those who would like it in that form?

Johnson I think I have the MALDEF map.

MacDonald Actually you don't have the MALDEF yet. They will get that to us soon. What I did send you was the CAVEC plan. MALDEF will post their plan on their website. It might be quicker to link to their site for the map.

Ashton We have what people worked on but we leave it up to the individuals to either keep it a work in progress or actually submit. I do have everything saved on our computers.

Mekke Do we need more information about the voting age population and do our analysis based on the VAP?

MacDonald Now that it has become an issue, you will get the VAP.

Mecke What's the turnaround time on your analysis.

Jacobs We can work with whatever timeframe you need.

Craig This may be a good time to discuss the deadline.

Jacobs There seems to be some questions raised on when to be done. Charter says before April 15 (so by 11:59 pm at 4/14). The voter pamphlet language indicates April 15th. Legally safest thing to do would be to have the lines done by April 14th, midnight. But the remedy is to sue, which would be done on April 15, but by then you'd have already met and adopted your final plan. So it would be a moot point but is something to consider.

Cheng The consideration we give to population versus VAP? Can you explain it to me?

Jacobs Sure. With regards to equal population among districts, you look at the overall population that the census data produce. With regard to the Voting Rights analysis, and whether or not you've diluted the voting power of the racial or language minorities, you look to the voting age population. The reason for that is because you need to satisfy the first condition of the Gingles precondition that they can actually for a majority in a district. And to form a majority in a district, you look to the people who would be eligible to vote. Its VAP, not registered voters.

Craig Back to the topic of what we take to the road. We need to take maps with statistics.

Murray Why don't we start with what we already have (approximately 4) as large maps and small versions for anything else. If any other ones are submitted, we could have a folder for those.

Craig So organizations only for large format?

Murray Or any others that others would like to add by friendly amendment. Our two plans, and CAVEC and MALDEF.

Bisho Go with one map that is the best consensus we can come up with, go with that and tweak it. If we have too many maps we'll get too many comments, and we'll get nowhere.

Murray The most important thing is to get comment on where Potrero Hill and Russian Hill is. The minimum maps I'd be willing to consider is the two maps from our consultants. If you only have one up, its hard to have a discussion on alternatives.

Cheng We need to look at what came from the major civic organizations and communities.

Prozan Call the question

Craig Before we vote, lets hear from the public on this motion. But let's hear from Ms MacDonald.

MacDonald I just want to point out that the MALDEF won't be available until two or three days from now. With CAVEC, we can ask them to create a large map.

Murray Can we show it on a large projector?

MacDonald Except that the coalition hasn't submitted a map yet. I think Ms. Chin should speak on that.

Chin As indicated, we didn't get to make the revisions on District 11 yet. We can expedite our minor changes and get the changes to you in the next day or two.

Murray We'll use the old one until then.

Chin Yes that's fine.

Silverberg Please use the District 11 Coalition map for District 11 as a consideration.

Murray Your boundaries are in other maps. Is that acceptable?

Silverberg Yes.

Bowman I didn't submit a large map because of problems with the program, which had the boundaries off by 500 feet. I paid the consultants \$200 for large maps but they weren't done correctly. I have yet to get the corrected maps. I did 3A and 4A over a week ago. I would prefer that my smaller 4A map be available at the community meetings and submitted to the task force. Likewise, I would like Plan 2 also included in that packet.

Murray I believe that my motion incorporates that small versions of the submissions will be made available.

Ashton I want to clarify that Bowman paid to use the State wide database to create his maps, not for maps from us (the consultants). Anyone in the community who wants to have their maps plotted can do so, but those will not be put above our duties to you (the task force).

Craig Any other comments on the motion? Seeing none, we're ready to vote on the motion.

Motion (Murray) To create large maps for organization and consultant proposals and make available individual and all other maps in a binder or folder at community meetings.
Unanimously carried.

5) **PRESENTATION FROM SCHEDULED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING REDISTRICTING. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Craig I don't think we'll have any other presentations on this agenda item. I think we might want to hear from the polling consultant. I think we shall move to agenda item 9.

9) **PRESENTATION BY POLLING CONSULTANT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON SURVEY ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Binder I don't mind going late. You are being handed out the poll results.

Binder distributed polling results.

Binder: I want to acquaint you with the findings. As you know, we conducted 1104 interviews; 184 interviews for each districts 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11. The book shows reports on all of those. The memo at the beginning is my summary of the results (17 pages long). You'll find overall results and then district specifics results. Following that are demographics of the people interviewed. Then there's yellow pages which are actual survey results and how people responded in each district. Following that is a section of white pages that provides cross tabulation tables for each question. There's one page per question and it provides a result for different subgroups of voters in that district. This is followed by similar pattern for each remaining districts.

I want to take this time to thank Mecke for his time in helping to review and finalize the questions.

One of the key findings is that throughout all of districts, voters placed high priority on keeping adjacent neighborhoods together by a margin of 70 to 22 percent.

There were some differences though; you'll see that language minority groups and Asians in District 3 did feel that it's more important to keep similar groups of people together.

You'll see from the numbers throughout the rest of the survey, though, that keeping adjacent neighborhoods together as very important.

Ethnic groups rated keeping ethnic groups together as more important than did white neighborhoods.

District 3 clearly prefers that Russian Hill be united and joined in District 3. District 3 did not want the tenderloin to join them.

District 6 indicated that they wanted to exclude Treasure Island, and the Tenderloin. District 6 was split about which neighborhood was most important to keep: either Downtown/Civic Center, Tenderloin.

District 8, we see three neighborhoods to be added: Cole Valley, Mission, and Bernal Heights. Sunnyside and Mission were the least favorable to add. Thus Mission is controversial (its preferred and not preferred).

District 9, most preferred areas are Potrero Hill, North Inner Mission, and Noe Valley, least preferred area is the Excelsior. But we're only talking about 23% with regard to the Excelsior, we're not talking about a majority opinion. There's a division of opinions.

The difference of opinions get even greater when we go to Districts 10 and 11. District 10 and 11 had the highest number of no opinions. The neighborhood named to exclude from District 10 is Potrero Hill at 24%, however, you see that 39% had no opinion. The neighbor named to include in District 10 was Bayview/Hunter's Point at 24%, but then again you see that 29% had no opinion on that same issue.

For District 11, you'll see more of the same. You'll see that the Portola was named as the neighborhood to exclude, while the Excelsior was the neighborhood named to keep in District 11.

Some of these findings are due to the size of the neighborhoods, and the familiarity of the neighborhoods. It's important to pay attention to the neighborhood differences.

Craig Are there any questions for Mr. Binder on the polling results?

Binder I'm willing to make myself available after the meeting for comments and questions though whatever mechanism you see fit.

Craig I anticipate that you'll be getting questions later. Any public comments on the polling results?

Unidentified speaker On the issue of removing Portero from District 10, if nearly 40% didn't have an opinion, and only 25% wanting it to be removed, then that's only 15% of the district with that opinion. I hope people will keep that in mind.

As a clarification, my submission will be a complete city-wide map.

Mecke The caveat to that is that to District 10, Potrero Hill is most often mentioned as the neighborhood to exclude by the eastern Portola district. Bayview respondents are most likely to prefer exclusion of Portola. So it is a case of who you talk to. Everyone will point the finger to someone else.

Craig Mr. Binder, did you find anybody who lived in that neighborhood that felt that their neighborhood should be excluded from the district?

Binder Yes, in some small areas, I'd have to go back to see where that was. The questions were worded to say "other than your own neighborhood" yet people still mentioned their own

neighborhood. This is a gray area because people may not have correctly identified their own neighborhood.

Trasvina About people who want to stay or leave their districts, I know that District 11 expressed the most desire about keeping Portola residents in the district.

Bowman Binder did an excellent job on his survey. About Potrero Hill, what is the percentage of residents that favor being in District 10 over District 6? In District 3, what percentage of people in Russian Hill prefer to be in District 3 versus District 2? What is the preference among the Chinatown precincts?

Binder The surveys were designed to look at neighborhoods within a particular district to ask them which other neighborhood should be brought in or excluded. We never gave them the choices of going to a certain area. So there is no direct answer to Mr. Bowman's questions.

Murray On behalf of the budget committee, if there is a significant interest in those questions, we may have funds to conduct additional polling.

Bisho That's a great idea. Maybe we can concentrate on the two questions that we have.

Craig What are the key questions and how much money are we talking about?

Murray We can only allocate about another \$2500 to \$3000 under any event because you'll be up against the \$25000 cap.

Binder We were not able to get tagolog translated in time, so we are under the budget. So we're at about \$21,000 accumulated expenses at this time.

Murray So with \$4000 can we investigate either one of these issues with statistical significance?

Binder So we're asking a subsample of Russian Hill and Potrero Hill voters which district they prefer?

Murray It'll likely be one or the other. We're most divided on Potrero Hill than we are on Russian Hill.

Binder I'm guessing we're talking about \$5.00 per interview. So if you want to ask another 200 Potrero Hill residents, we're talking about another \$1000. There is a fixed labor cost. Yes, you can probably do it within \$4,000.

Donaldson What questions will we be asking in this additional poll?

Murray I was asking about the economic possibility of doing another poll.

Binder You will need to do another brief introduction to the Potrero Hill residents about the poll. Make it as short as possible and then maybe we can do it within the budget.

Bisho Is that a motion?

Murray It can be.

Motion (Murray, seconded by Bisho) Conduct additional polling of Potrero Hill within budget limitation.

Cheng Are we polling just the hill area, or are we polling district wide?

Murray We have district wide already.

Craig 40% didn't know what to do.

Bowman If it costs \$1000 to poll Potrero Hill, I would recommend also polling Russian Hill for a total of \$2000. That's still within budget.

Trasvina Portola residents wants to be in District 11 more than any others. I would amend motion to include Portola in the surveying.

Murray I would be happy to accept the amendment to include Portola if Binder says it would still be within \$25,000 overall.

Binder I would be nervous to say for sure. I would try to get as many surveys conducted within \$25,000.

Murray The motion is to not to exceed \$25000 for Portola and Russian Hill.

Leong If the budget allows, let's have a friendly amendment of the motion to include Russian Hill.

Binder I'd do as many as I can within the budget.

Murray Can we prioritize because there are bigger issues with Portola and Potrero Hill than there are with Russian Hill. So start with those two, then go to Russian Hill if there are enough resources.

Binder It's a question of sample size.

Murray The motion is for 3 areas with emphasis on the two areas. You can discuss the sample size with us based on not exceeding \$25,000.

Binder It's hard to make those determinations tonight; perhaps tomorrow. I would like a contact to discuss this with.

Murray Then can we have Mecke review the questions with you.

Mecke Just remember that after my accident, I have limited mental capabilities. I'll do the best that I can.

Donaldson I thought the question was simple, what district do they want to be in.

Murray Right, but now we're dealing with the three areas, some translation, and we've got a limited budget of \$3,500.

Binder So we go to Russian Hill and ask them if they want to be either in District 2 or 3, we go to Potrero Hill and ask them if they want to be in either Districts 6 or 10, and we go to Portola and ask them if they want to be 10 or 11. Do I define the precincts that we go to?

Murray Yes.

Bisho Also, in the Portola, ask them between Districts 9, 10 or 11.

Mecke What is the timeline for completion of results?

Binder By the end of the week

Murray Can we call for the vote.

Craig We'll first take public comment.

No public comments regarding the motion.

Johnson Will translations will be needed for the surveys?

Murray Can we keep the methodology the same and stay within budget?

Binder I recommend for Russian Hill we get Cantonese and Spanish, for Portola, we'll need Spanish and Cantonese.

Johnson What is the turnaround time for getting the surveys translated?

Binder A day or two to translate.

Johnson Yes, that's adequate.

Murray So I'm going to amend the motion to delete from Potrero Hill which language?

Binder For Potrero Hill, delete Cantonese

Murray So in Potrero Hill, English only?

Binder Yes

Mecke I just want to point out that in order of priorities: Portrero Hill, Portola and Russian Hill.

Motion (Murray) To approve funds to allow Binder to conduct additional surveying of: Potrero Hill, Portola, and Russian Hill, with emphasis on Potrero Hill, and Portola. Department of Elections staff will translate the Russian Hill and Portola surveys into Cantonese and Spanish. Motion carried unanimously.

7) PRESENTATION BY BUDGET COMMITTEE, INCLUDING UPDATE ON BUDGET EXPENSES TO DATE AND PROJECTED ITEMS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Murray We've identified \$45,000 in the budget that can be moved into reserves. We have \$15,000 that will be before the budget committee this week? Johnson will clarify. We'll be updating the budget. I suggest that we take up all of this next week.

Craig Any questions? Public comments?

Johnson The meeting scheduled will be at the Women's Center this Thursday night, but there is a fee for the room is \$220. Is that okay to pay?

Murray We can discuss that matter later. There's funds in the budget.

8) PRESENTATION BY OUTREACH COMMITTEE AND NEIGHBORHOOD/OUTREACH CONSULTANT ON COMMUNITY MEETINGS, AND PUBLICITY EFFORTS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Cheng The Spanish language ads were all done in a timely manner. May I have a clarification on the budget. Do we have funds for phone banking yet?

Murray We don't have it because we haven't gone before the finance committee. But we have \$45,000 in reserves that can be spent if it's important to allocate the funds.

Motion (Murray, seconded by Mecke) To use \$5,000 for phone banking from reserves. If the finance committee approves the \$15,000 that comes before them, then we'll use the \$5000 for phone banking from the \$15,000. Unanimously approved.

Cheng Has the announcements for this weeks meetings been emailed out?

Johnson I'll check on what the progress is.

Johnson I'd like some direction on staffing for the Phone Bank. The multilingual possibility, using the registered voter list from the Department of Elections?

Craig Who will be called exactly?

Johnson We called various organization before, we can do it again. I'd like to get individuals as well to get more community input. We can get a voter registration list and divide it by district and language.

Prozan Can we also add those who signed in at previous meetings?

Johnson Absolutely.

Cheng The outreach consultants were wondering if we need talking points for the Chair for the next meeting.

Bisho If you've got them, I'll take them. But I don't need them.

Gillespie My concern was on the maps and do we need talking points for the maps and the variations between Plan 1 and Plan 2.

Craig Will the technical consultants be there?

Cain We would prefer that Karin and Diana not be at the meeting if possible. The maps are essentially the lists of the requests that you've made. We could have Karin do some talking point in exchange for her not attending the meeting.

Craig If we could get something like their presentation tonight.

Mecke Can I get that for Milk Club?

Murray Can you email that to all of us task force members directly?

Cain Yes

Johnson We had requested of the budget analyst an amount not to exceed \$15000 in radio advertising.

Murray When do we need to make this decision?

Johnson Right away to get air time.

Motion (Murray, seconded by Cheng) Allow \$15,000 for radio advertisements.
Unanimously carried.

10) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Craig We have an additional meeting after community meeting on April 8, 2002. The April 8th task force meeting will be very work intensive.

Cheng Can we start at 6 pm?

Craig I think we need to find out about room availability.

Johnson I don't recall why we didn't schedule a meeting on the 8th. We think the Ethics committee was meeting, but now they're not, so the room should be available.

Motion (Cheng, seconded by Prozan) Have a Special meeting on April 8, 2002 at 6 p.m. at Room 408.

Motion unanimously carried.

Murray May we have water and snacks at the late meetings? We have funds for that.

Craig We'll see what we can do.

Craig With regard to Subcommittee meetings, can the Legal Committee officially disband?

Motion (Donaldson, seconded by Murray) Disband the Legal Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Murray Can we allocate 15 minutes on April 8, 2002 for the Budget Subcommittee, prior to the regular meeting?

Motion (Craig, seconded by Cheng) Disband the Outreach Committee.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion (Murray) to Amend earlier Motion to start Regular meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.

11) TASK FORCE MEMBER BUSINESS. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Mecke Can I get copies of Plan 1 and 2 to distribute at the Milk Club Meeting.

Johnson What format?

Mecke Small format.

Johnson Yes.

12) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Bowman Thank you for your forbearance. I made an error. The maps I'll be submitting will be Maps 2 and 3A.

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

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"Community Meeting at Hillcrest Elementary

April 2, 2002 at 6:30PM

Call to order

Call to order by David Bisho.

Elections Task Force Members Present: Gwenn Craig, David Bisho, John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Herbert Donaldson, Rebecca Prozan, Bowman Leong

Task Force Redistricting Consultant: Kate Gillespie

City Attorney: Julie Moll

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Bisho The 2000 Census shows that redistricting is needed. Districts 6, 10 and 11 are over the average of 70,281 people and 1,3,5,8 are under. 2,4,7 have no change. Your input and testimony, or maps of how you want a district to look. It can't result in the dilution of ethnicity and community of interests need to be adhered to. It's not based on voters, but the population of census. We have concept maps to review, nothing in stone. These are based from previous testimony, nothing is set.

Craig We have 2 maps from our technical consultants. Plan 1 unites USF in District 1, Japantown and Russian Hill in District 2, 4 is untouched, Hayes Valley and UCSF in District 5, Tenderloin and Treasure Island in 6, 7 loses a little of Glen Park to 8, 8 picks up Duboce Triangle and Park. 9 splits Mission and Portola. 10 loses Portola and 11 is based on the District 11 Council proposal. Plan 2 puts USF in District 1, Russian Hill and Lake Street in 2. 3 loses Russian Hill, 4 is untouched, 5 gains UCSF, Hayes Valley and Japantown, 6 picks up Potrero Hill. Some groups have submitted maps, the Civil Rights Groups, La Raza Lawyers - all of plans will be posted to our Website as of tomorrow at www.sfgov.org/redistricting.

Bisho We're here to listen to you. We're interested in Districts 10 and 11. Let me remind your time limit of 3 minutes.

April 2, 2002

Christine Ortiz Portola is an old community. Our community wants to stay connected. In this season of Easter, don't make us the sacrificial lamb.

Ray Racino We assert that the Portola remain in District 10 because it meets all of the criteria parity of voter propensity within the district. Redrawing Portola out of 10 will cause an imbalance. Drawing Portola to keep Potrero Hill is gerrymandering. Agrees with District 11 Council plan. in the process in different ways. Make a statement here, be specific. Redistricting kits to help you draw maps. April 15th is the deadline to redistrict.

Jerry likes Plan 2, get rid of Potrero Hill from District 10, it doesn't fit.

Irene Crespo keep the Portola intact. Keep it in one Supervisorial District. The balanced ethnic mix in Portola represents SF. It belongs in District 10.

Barbara Fetich as a property owner it's important to keep the Portola intact.

Paul Jenet San Bruno Ave. is an integral part to the Portola neighborhood. We're a part of Bayview and Visitacion Valley. When I think of Potrero Hill I think of Nob Hill. Nothing in common with them. Keep Portola in District 10.

Darlene Zane it's important to retain our neighborhood. Keep Portola intact. Move Potrero Hill to District 6. They're more involved in Mission Bay and Pac Bell Park. We have more in common with Bayview and Vis Valley. Gives support to Plan 2.

Espinola Jackson I'm from the Bayview. We're all San Franciscans. They're poor people in Potrero Hill. We need to work together. Don't separate Potrero Hill. We're all inter-related throughout the City. Don't fight between Potrero Hill and Portola.

Jim Rodriguez upset with the notion that we have 2 plans presented, then say we have 4 more. It's not right that we can't see plans. We need to make an informed decision. The 2 choices tonight, Plan 2 make sure it doesn't split Latinos in the Mission or Portola. Nix the civil rights group plans and listen to the community and community leaders.

Bisho These plans are just conceptual and are based on what we've heard. This isn't it.

Francisco DeCosta shocked in a meeting today that we don't have all the data here. Many people don't have access to computers in our community. We need to give elders here a chance. The Mayor and Supervisors haven't been serving us. Supports Plan 2. Give us services we deserve.

James Hackus lives in District 10. We have continuity. Don't break up Portola. Supports Plan 2.

John deCastro Potrero Hill resident. Concerned about the waterfront redevelopment. Current Supervisor working on making sure planning happens. Potrero Hill are progressive voters, support Plan 1.

Mike Landau Potrero Hill priorities are connected with Showplace Square area and Mission Bay.

Howard Woo lives in District 10. Submit for your consideration, leave us alone.

Pearla Ni Potrero Hill wants development to help us all. Help us on how we can keep Portola intact, but work with Potrero Hill.

Chris Bowman I want to explain why the district is divided the way it is. Right now in the room we have more public participation and input than in 1995. We had no input from Portola or Excelsior at that time. We used equal population.

Pers Paris from Portola. Keep in mind how long we've been together as a community. Keep Portola intact.

Duane Jones issue I see is a difference of people, homeowners vs. people who don't own homes.. Cut up 10 will eliminate all the work we've been doing. Look out for Black minority. It includes Potrero Hill. There are blacks there who don't own homes. Consider what you're doing to the black minority.

Craig let me make a comment. The 2 plans you see tonight incorporate input to date. Other proposals are from other groups. We're here to find areas of agreement or disagreement. We're still at the drawing board.

Tim Kennedy wants Portola to stay intact. Trying to revitalize business district. Help us stay united.

Franco Mancini lives in the Portola District. Keep Portola whole.

Hazel Lee District 10 is 38% Asian. San Bruno Ave. merchant district is 10 blocks, to separate San Bruno Ave. between districts will make it hard to work together.

Vincent Chow Portola is a natural neighborhood that shouldn't be separated. We're only talking about political communities. We're not building fences. The African-American population in SF is decreasing. In the Bayview, Vis Valley, Portola, if you split the Portola you lose a voice, give us a voice.

Myrna Lim There is a Filipino community in District 11. We have a history of being split. Our displacement is similar to the African-American community. 11 is the last bastion of Filipino-Americans.. District 11 has been ignored. We're the second largest Asian population in the city, yet we remain underrepresented. Incorporate in 11 precincts that were cut out in the past.

Mr. Crespi likes Plan 2.

Chris Catsakonos keep Portola and Potrero Hill the way it is.

Jack Gersh supports Plan 2.

Gary Decker keep Potrero Hill a part of District 10. Bayview and Potrero Hill have a common interest.

Kissie Carpenter I have family in Bayview and Potrero Hill. Like Plan 1 the best because it includes Potrero Hill. African-Americans are excluded from things. Keep Bayview and Potrero Hill together.

Jeanette Carbonelli from Potrero Hill. Keep Potrero Hill and Bayview together. Don't like either plan. Potrero Hill has nothing in common with District 6.

Joe Boss lives in Dogpatch. Drawing Potrero Hill map not finished yet. Still learning about communities of interest. Keep Portola together. Need to maintain Potrero Hill and Bayview connection. Concerns coming up about public utilities, sewage, planning commission. Split us up, we run chance of us vs. them in trying to get a clean, reliable power source.

Jean Neblitt don't separate Potrero Hill from Bayview. We have a common concerns.

Dick Billet from Potrero Hill. It seems like we need to massage boundaries not change Supervisors. We support Sophie Maxwell.

Hubert Yee from Vis Valley. Keep Portola in 10, Potrero Hill in 6.

Sulagi Palaga we have a diversity issue in District 10, it's a melting pot. If Potrero Hill gets divided there'll be dissent about jobs. Districts will be rezoned before any new plans. If you divide communities people will be left out.

Phil D'Andrade supports Plan 1 with modifications. Maintain unity of Portola. Blocks in Potrero Hill shouldn't be separate from Bayview. It would dilute Black community.

Claire Zvanski District 11 supports Plan 2. When you split Portola you disenfranchise people.

Un-named from District 11 council. Don't cut OMI into District 7. You disenfranchise the African-Americans in our neighborhood.

Un-named Portola wants to remain intact. Unfortunately, District 10 needs to shed some people. Plan 2 makes more sense.

Leo Chin keep Potrero Hill in District 10.

Owen Webb don't like any of the plans. Don't like Potrero Hill out of 10. It hurts the African-American community. Don't cut us up. You need to talk to us who've been here before you make a decision. You need to listen to us.

Victor Marquez from La Raza Lawyers Assoc. We need to look at race relations and race issues. Support Latinos and African-Americans. Don't divide our votes at City Hall. Race does matter.

Michael Harris supports Plan 1.

Karen Pierce don't dilute the voice of communities. Keep Potrero Hill and Bayview together. We share common interests. Political and social links.

Ellen Kerrigan from Potrero Hill. Keep Potrero Hill with Bayview. If you move us you'll have succeeded in dividing and conquering.

Minnie Ward lives in OMI in District 11. Don't split us up.

Dan Webern The OMI community doesn't like the MOLDEV map.

Tony Sacco lives in Portola, supports Plan 2.

Chester Palaso the Samoan community is growing in the Southern part of the city. We want to be involved in a diverse community.

Rebecca Silverberg doesn't like MOLDEV map.

Bisho meeting adjourned at 9:20PM.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

LOCATION: GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
1350 7th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94143

(This meeting takes place in District 5)

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2002

TIME: 6:00pm

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"Community Meeting at Gateway High School

April 3, 2002 at 6:30PM

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Call to order

Call to order by John Murray at 6:35PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, John Murray, Quintin Mecke, Bowman Leong

Task Force Redistricting Consultant: Kate Gillespie

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Parrish Spisz, Theron Wilson

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Murray the purpose of tonight's meeting is to get your comment on preliminary plans by our consultants on plans they drew. We want to get your feedback. We're the task force charged with redrawing lines based on all legal requirements. Plan 1 unites USF, Japantown in 2, Russian Hill in 3, 4 unchanged, 5 Hayes Valley. Mission is split, 11 by District 11 Council, Glen Park in 8, Duboce Triangle and Glen Park in 8, 9 splits Mission with 8. Dogpatch and Potrero Hill in 10. Plan 2 - 1 in USF, 2 Russian Hill, 4 unchanged, 5 USF, Hayes Valley, Japantown and part of inner sunset. Western Addition 5 and 6, Tenderloin and Treasure Island in 6, Inner sunset in 7, 9 borders move to 14th Street. In 10 Portola loses Potrero Hill, 11 District 11 Council Map. Criteria for redistricting review by Chad Jacobs.

Jacobs basic legal principles for redistricting are equal population, Fed voting right act, don't dilute voting power of language or race minorities. Race can't be the only factor. Need to look at compactness, recognized neighborhoods, propensity to vote, maximum continuity and the charter states that districts need to reflect communities of interest. Communities of interest are not defined by case law. In addition, hear from you what neighborhood binds you feel makes your neighborhood.

April 3, 2002

Karen Fishkin problem with Plan 1 doesn't address concern, Plan 2 does. I'm referring to the Housing Authority, Westside Courts being placed in District 2. Can't see their Supervisor there. Best suited in 5.

Susan King likes inner sunset staying in 5 in Plan 1. Don't like how other districts are affected. But, I don't live there. Is this a template?

Cheng It's a concept only.

Murray we gave direction to consultant on what we want to achieve. The reality is we can't achieve everything. This represents the realm of possibility and by no means final.

King likes inner sunset in 5.

George Zayda lives in Forest Knoll. In map it goes from 7 to 5, but likes that it's kept together, but prefers to stay in 7. Keeping us in one district is more important. Twin Peaks in Plan 1 in 7, Twin Peaks in 8 in Plan 2. I don't know how they'll like that. Take Forest Knoll out of 5 and let them get rest of inner sunset.

Laura Beldachi favors Plan 1, lives in District 5. Learned from voters while phone banking for a campaign, inner sunset relates to thinking of 5 rather than 7.

Susan Merki lives in 7, President of Inner Sunset Neighbors. We orient more to 5. Judah is bad dividing line. Move it up to Lawton because we had a traffic issue and we wanted both Supervisors to speak together. Can't because of committee structure, it would mean there'd be an official Board of Supervisor meeting. This is outrageous.

William Duffy Map 2 all Tenderloin in 6 is misleading. Against both maps because of too much change. District 3 to Geary would lower Asian population. Keep North of Market together.

Doug Comstock Forest Knolls doesn't belong in 5, it belongs in 7. District elections purpose is so you can meet your neighbors. Running a campaign in 5 would be hard to get to Forest Knolls. Better off with inner sunset in 5. Still recommend cutting 5 off at Geary.

John Berg President of Sunset Heights Assoc. supports running up 5 to Lawton in return put Forest Knoll into 7. It makes sense from all angles.

Larry Roberts agree with Forest Knolls comments. Likes Hayes Valley in 5, maybe further toward Van Ness. Like to see Japantown and Western Addition stay together.

Rebecca Silverberg likes the intent to put UC in one district, but better to separate an institution that a neighborhood. Midtown Terrace should be in District 7.

Tab Buckner has issues with Plan 1, but better than 2. Potrero Hill in 10. Keep Western Addition together in 5. Sees 5 further North of Geary to Sutter. Agree with others Forest Knolls not in 5. Beneficial to have 5 move to Lawton.

Chris Bowman 7 years ago we had two concept maps. We were to cut Districts 5 and 8 at Frederick. But the feeling was 5 had more in common with Haight than Castro. Moved it up to Judah, 19th Ave. to Kirkham to Funston over to Lawton to 7th Ave. UCSF split with Forest Knolls, it splits census blocks, but no other way.

Jacobs if you split blocks you don't know how many people. Need to know how many if UCSF dorms.

Murray meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

LOCATION: ST. LUKES HOSPITAL
3555 Cesar Chavez
San Francisco, CA

(This meeting takes place in District 9)

DATE: Thursday, April 4, 2002

TIME: 6:00pm

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(REVISED) NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

LOCATION: The Women's Building
3543 18th St. #8
San Francisco, CA

(This meeting takes place in District 9)

DATE: Thursday, April 4, 2002

TIME: 6:00pm

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

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San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting

"Community Meeting" at Women's Building

April 4, 2002 at 6:00 PM

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Call to order

Call to order by Mecke at 6:25PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Quintin Mecke, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Rebecca Prozan

Task Force Redistricting Consultant:

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Parrish Spisz, Theron Wilson

Mecke This is a second round meeting for District 8 and 9, but you can comment on any other districts. Saturday we have a meeting at Lady Shaw Senior Center from 1-3PM for community input. Next week at City Hall we have meetings for public oversight. We're going to move line as best we can. Can't solve all problems. 2 plans here were presented by our consultants. Not whole plans. They're based on parts of criteria - if Potrero Hill was in 6 what would it look like? Or if Russian Hill was in 2, how would it affect rest of map. We have our legal counsel Chad Jacobs to outline our criteria.

Jacobs the handouts have an outline of the legal principles. We've had a population shift since last time. Fed requirements state there needs to be equal in population. That's no longer the case according to the census. Some districts are over some are under. This violates the one person one vote rule. When we make changes we look at the voting rights act, can't dilute racial or language minorities. Can't make race predominant factor. Consider race, but not make it predominant. We'll consider traditional principles of redistricting which are compactness, contiguous and geographic boundaries. Keep district neighborhoods and commercial zones. Look at your neighborhood on maps and give us feedback. We want to maintain maximum continuity of current districts. Look at propensity to vote and communities of interest. Charter says boundaries have to protect communities of interest. No statute, but it means communities that have bonds. Look over handout for details.

Mecke we'll open it up for public comment. Be specific in describing areas and prioritize your needs.

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Jim Salinas live in Mission. Task Force failed to bring community together. Poor job by outreach to bring people out. A miserable job of outreach.

Sam Luis work for a non-profit that serves low-income people's needs. Discontent over short notice to this session. Strongly encourage to adopt Plan 2. Concern over district elections. Question why 9 is cut-off on 16th Street. Traditionally boundaries of Mission have been bordered on Division and 14th Streets. Plan 2 represents it best.

Doug Comstock caution to change lines any more than they have to. Supervisors have formed relationships over time. People will lose representation if people shift. Wants Japantown in 5, doesn't want Forest Knoll in 5.

Richard Marquez from Mission. North Mission shouldn't be taken out of District 6 because it meets all criteria. We're Latinos and we're underrepresented and we don't have a good turnout.

Susan Lew president of LaRaza Lawyers Assoc. 2 Latinos on Board is progress. Maps we presented keeps Mission in one district. Portola in 9&11. Bayview and Potrero Hill in 10. Supports Plan 2, against Plan 1 because it lowers Mission from 19th to 16th Streets. Our coalition plan works to keep Latinos in District 11 who want to be there.

Rosabella Safont echo comments I've heard. Outreach could've been better for people of color. Spanish language newspapers and radio could've been used. People of color are often excluded. Resources could've been used to keep costs low. Whatever plan you choose consider people of color. We some voice in our future.

Mecke we have tried to do our best with outreach. Sincerely apologize for it.

Fred Sanchez president of Mission Neighborhood Health Center. Mission always stopped at 14th Street. Support plan 2. North boundary has to be 14th Street.

Sonia Melara express sadness of not outreaching to us better. Location not conducive. Hate district elections. Now new MALDEF maps want to empower community. Look at how our community can be empowered through this process.

Sylvia Alvarez likes district elections because grass roots can have power not just rich. Please don't adopt 1 or 2. MALDEF can be modified.

Michael Goldstein District 8. Likes that communities have gotten together to work on plans. MALDEF has done good. Some tweaks needed. Likes Potrero Hill and Dogpatch in 10. Agree with Latino community bring 6 to 17th Street, bring District 9 border down. Reconsider going North of Duboce at Triangle for District 8.

Terry Giovanini if we have to select from 1 or 2, I vote for Plan 2.

Chris Bowman I have a new map that I submitted. It unifies Mission in District 9 at 14th Street and cuts at Potrero Ave.

Carmen Alvarez wants equal representation for Latino people. But upset. Cost us the effort to get people to participate in Democratic process, but we're not represented. We need more participation by Latinos and we won't stand for diluting our voting power. Won't endorse any plan. Outreached sucked.

Scott Tremblmori regarding MALDEF proposal, many in SF wouldn't like it. Redistricting should look more at homeowners and non-homeowners as a balance more than political. Hayes Valley in 5, Potrero Hill makes sense in 6, District 8 and Forest Knolls not a natural affiliation. Should be in inner sunset. Unify Glen Park.

Dwayne Justino from District 10. Portola is ethnically balanced. Portola is the economic engine of District 10. MALDEF will divide us and forestall our advances to revitalize our communities.

Debra Walker District 8 is against moving boundaries into District 7.

Elva Moran ask not to get her Supervisor cut out of 11. Sandoval is a good role model to Latino community. Lives in Portola District, 302 Madsion border of 10&11.

Gonzal Rafero from 11, keep us in the same area so not to lose Sandoval. Don't let us lose our voice.

Victor Marquez look at impact of Latino community that redistricting will have. Support MALDEF plan.

Ray Vitale District 8 gong West of Twin Peaks doesn't add value. MALDEF map comes closest to being decent. Some changes needed.

Mecke meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

LOCATION: LADY SHAW SENIOR CENTER
Meal Site
1483 Mason Street (at Broadway)
San Francisco, CA 94108

(This meeting takes place in District 3)

DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2002

TIME: 1 pm

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Community Meeting at Lady Shaw Senior Center

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April 6, 2002 at 1:00 PM

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Call to order

Call to order by Cheng at 1:15PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, John Murray

Task Force Redistricting Consultant:

City Attorney: Julie Moll

Dept. of Elections Staff: Parrish Spisz, Theron Wilson

Cheng We are open for public comment on Districts 3 and 6, but you can speak on any district. We have Chinese translation available. The census numbers dictates that we try to equalize population in all districts within all legal requirements. We will not dilute voice of ethnic or language minorities, protect neighborhoods and commercial zones. You've see plans 1 and 2. In Plan 1 Russian Hill is in 3. Plan 2 Russian Hill is in 2. Open to public comment, please keep to 3 minutes and be specific about the areas you speak about.

Rick Lavine live in North Beach on the 800 block of Union Street between Mason and Taylor. Some say Russian Hill should be treated as a whole neighborhood. It's not a neighborhood is a topographical area. Russian Hill has distinct neighborhoods. Plan 1 okay. Don't like Plan 2, it puts me together with the Richmond. I wouldn't have an effective voice to govern my neighborhood. Here to ask for those in North Beach not to be disenfranchised. Don't split North Beach down the middle.

Bisho The maps are concept only. Give us information on what district you'd be comfortable in.

Mark Bunz I've compared the different plans. One set uses Van Ness to Bay as the West boundary then going down to Geary. The other sets do all sorts of gerrymandering. It continues problem of splitting Russian Hill. It makes sense to keep Russian Hill and Polk Street together.

April 6, 2002

Mark Goldstone live on Telegraph Hill. Telegraph Hill, Russian Hill and North Beach are all one neighborhood. We share work on building the neighborhood together. Don't divide us from District 3. Support Plan 1.

Penelope Clark lived in Russian Hill since 1960. North Beach/Chinatown better ro district. Having 2 Supes is a plus not a minus. Against Plan 1.

Rev. Norman Fong I'm a 3rd generation San Franciscan. Love my community. It's difficult to balance neighborhoods, but we need to unite District 3 with families in District 6. Let me give you some history. We wanted the articulated buses for the 30 Stockton. District 2 didn't want buses because they would lose parking spaces. This is an opportunity for us to gain a bigger voice. 30% of SF is Asian and we've been ignored. We have to organize too hard to be heard. Draw the lines now so we won't have to in the future.

Jim Andrew from Russian Hill. Support Plan 1. Splitting Russian Hill from North Beach might run into legal problems with splitting a commercial district.

Katherine Burke live on Nob Hill. No one can get the population data on the Website. Key is equal population in the district. The second point is what the vote really is. Plan 1 is gerrymandered to API, it doesn't get voting population. Look at voting data not just a particular group. You'll probably get more Asian voters on Russian Hill.

Cheng voting propensity is a factor we'll use. Let's have our City Attorney Julie Moll put it into perspective.

Julie Moll to summarize the legal issues of the state, federal and local laws. Federal law is one person one vote achieved in equal population. Federal voting rights act states you can't dilute ethnic of language minorities, but race can't be the only factor. Other criteria will be looking at communities of interest. The task force will follow additional principles of not diluting political and social minorities, they look at compactness and contiguous districts. They'll recognize geographic and commercial factors, continuity. Considering all legal issues and the propensity to vote.

Claire McGee from Russian Hill Association. Plan 1 vs. Plan 2. Majority of us support Plan 1. We're a community of interests. Russian Hill is comprised of smaller communities. Geography is important to common issues like street parking and street cleaning. We share preservation issues, scalability of buildings, density. All in common. Plan 1 keeps Polk Street commercial area intact and improves it. Plan 2 splits it. We have a plan that looks like MALDEF we'll submit to you.

Elizabeth Wright Russian Hill has long working relationships with Telegraph Hill, Nob Hill, North Beach and Chinatown. Keep it intact. Plan 1 makes sense. I support Plan 1.

Lee Bowpen represent District 6. Want to belong to District 3 to use own language when they vote. We use Chinatown services everyday. Move 3 South to 6.

Mabel Sato live in District 10. Support plan 2. Keep Silver Terrace and Vis Valley together.

George Lucas Russian Hill. Keep Russian Hill all in one piece. Creates a lot of confusion when you split a street about what district you're in. Otherwise consider boundaries of Van Ness to Mason to Northpoint to Pacific in District 3.

Anthony Fava live in 6. Prefer Plan 1. SRO's are communities of interest. Keep 6th and 16th Streets together. Plan 2 negatives are that Potrero Hill doesn't belong. When redistricting you have to split streets anyway.

Johnnie Levy draw the line down Van Ness. If Russian Hill is taken out of 3 and put into 2 it'll throw out renters and put them in a homeowners' district.

Marina Elgee live on Taylor and Lombard. I favor Plan 1.

Jeffery Lebowitz South Beach has no representation. I propose moving the District 3 boundary past Market Street down 4th Street to Mission Creek. We share views of Potrero Hill on waterfront and Showplace Square development.

Denise Burke from South Beach. We've been ignored. Prefer to be in District 3. More compatibility with waterfront and development issues.

Julia Ling support Capifer plan to include part of Tenderloin because of new Chinese and Vietnamese population. It puts people together of common culture and needs.

Steve King live in Chinatown. Voters best interests should be met.

Richard Marquez like Rev. Fong I too am 3rd generation San Francisco. Preserve the ethnic diversity of District 6, the Tenderloin, North Mission and SOMA. It redefines communities of interests that is united by renter status and class. MALDEF never came to the community to make their plan. Support South Beach residents to move to District 3.

Al Greeney Russian Hill should be in one district. Plan 1 meets that.

Yvonne Lee from Capifer. Echo earlier comments that recognize District 3 and 6 connections. Voting shouldn't be a criteria. Urge you to listen to API community who came here last week and today.

Nan Maguire live in Russian Hill. Don't like Plan 2. We'll be disenfranchised if we're moved. Want to stay in District 3.

Suzie Wong working on building affordable housing in Chinatown. Low-income families in Chinatown and Tenderloin have similar issues. Consider the coalition plan. (Capifer?)

Norman Rolph Russian Hill is one neighborhood. Van Ness is a natural boundary. Russian Hill has more in common with North Beach and Chinatown. Keep it as one neighborhood in District 3.

Leo Chi represents Chinese for Affirmative Action. Look at our map. It's the strongest on the table. District 3 will add 8 blocks on the South border.

unknown live 21 years in Russian Hill as an immigrant. Close to North Beach. Van Ness is a natural boundary. Support unified District 3 with Van Ness Boundary.

Terry Ryan Supports uniting Russian Hill and North Beach. Plan 1 better than 2.

Christine Konkel supports annexing South Beach to District 3. The numbers work. In relation to Chinese Community we have to organize too hard to be heard.

Ya Kwok live in District 10. Supports Plan 2.

Frederick Hobson live in 6. As it relates to District 6, I favor Plan 2. Put Cathedral Hill in District 5 or 2.

Francisco Centurian Russian Hill belongs in District 3. Form a planning point of viewpoint Russian Hill, Telegraph Hill and North Beach have the same problems than you find in District 2.

James Stevens live in District 3 on Jones Street. Against Plan 2 because it splits community.

Eric Quesada live in Mission. Want to talk about 8 into 6. If movement in North Mission, we can live with beign a part of Distirct 6. Against MALDEF plan.

Judith Burkquist the MALDEF plan is misleading. Propose that the West slope of Potrero Hill be moved into 9.

Lutan Lee live at Taylor and Geary Streets. Use Chinatown services. Combine parts of 3 with 6.

John deCastro Potrero Hill has ties with Bayview and Vis Valley over environmental justice issues. The maps we submitted will all show you the population numbers that meet the differential requirements.

Chris Bowman the coalition plan doesn't address the issue of splitting Russian Hill. No plan keeps Asian population at 49%. It dilutes it. Move 3 down to Tenderloin, Union Square and Theatre District area.

Jim Miko from SOMA. Keep N. Mission in District 6.

Bill Ginan favor Plan 1. Keep District 3 compact. It maintains communities of interest. Border of 3 and 6 is transitory. You won't achieve want some think.

Michelle Liapas Nob Hill. Worked with Russian Hill on campaign issues. Support Plan 1.

William Duffy in favor of making Van Ness the boundary between Districts 2 and 3.

Dwayne Justino live in District 10. Against MALDEF plan. Need to look at transportation and development issues and consider propensity to vote. Keep Portola in District 10.

Donaldson adjourned meeting at 3:55PM.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

LOCATION: CITY HALL, ROOM 263
Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

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- 3) DISCUSSION WITH POLLING/SURVEY CONSULTANT INCLUDING UPDATE ON SURVEY ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 4) REPORT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE REGARDING REVISIONS TO BUDGET AND REALLOCATION OF BUDGETARY FUNDS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

- 5) DISCUSSION OF MOVING DISTRICT LINES IN ORDER TO ADOPT FINAL MAP FOR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. DISCUSSION TO BE BASED ON PRELIMINARY TASK FORCE MAPS 1 AND 2, MAP SUBMISSIONS BY PUBLIC, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK ON PRELIMINARY MAPS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION)
 - 6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
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Elections Task Force on Redistricting Meeting

City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 263

Monday, April 8, 2002 at 6:15 p.m.

1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Craig made a few introductory remarks, explaining where the task force is at in the redistricting process. She stated that it is important for each San Franciscan to have a voice. She feels that it is an honor for her to have the opportunity to serve the City.

Trasvina joined Craig in welcoming the communities of San Francisco. He thanked Craig for her leadership, vision, dedication and patience.

Task Force Members Present:

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- Agenda
- San Francisco Board of Supervisors Redistricting Kit
- San Francisco Supervisorial Districts Preliminary Plans (Plan 1, Plan 2)
- List of Elections Task Force Public Meeting Dates and Locations
- Details of VAP: Preliminary Plan 1, Plan 2
- Meeting Notes prepared by 3D Vision:
 - April 2, 2002: Hillcrest Elementary
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 - April 6, 2002: Lady Shaw
- Public Announcement: SF Elections Task Force on Redistricting – Public Meetings, Spanish Language
- Memo from David Binder regarding Results of Follow-up Survey in Potrero Hill, Portola and Russian Hill neighborhoods
- Letter from Sam Dodge, Central City SRO Collaborative
- Report on the Census of Families with Children Living in Single Room Occupancy Hotels in San Francisco
- Expense spreadsheet from 3D Visions

2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

Murray asked how many speaker cards have been collected. Johnson responded: 26. Murray and Donaldson suggested that those making comments be allowed 3 minutes, while those presenting maps be allowed 5 minutes to speak.

Motion 3/8/02-1 (Cheng), seconded by Prozan: Allow each speaker 3 minutes to present his/her comment, and allow those presenting maps to have 5 minutes to comment (with those presenting multiple maps also only having 5 minutes to speak).
Unanimously carried.

John deCastro, Southeast Interested Neighborhood Coalition, District 10, presented a map and plan (based on MALDEF plan) and discussed why a move of Potrero Hill and Dogpatch from District 10 and District 6 would be detrimental to the Southeast section of the City. DeCastro presented a proposed boundary plan that would achieve the necessary population reduction while preserving the ethnic balance. Feels that Portola would like to be part of District 11.

Chang: What is the proposed change to District 3?

deCastro: Mason Street along western boundary of District 3
Donaldson: You are excluding Russian Hill from District 3?

deCastro: That's correct. This plan was designed to keep Russian Hill whole with minimal moves to boundaries.

Trasvina: What is the western part of District 9 and northern border for District 9? Would it make sense to make the northern border at 17th Street, rather than 19th Street.

deCastro: It would probably work. We didn't try it on the census track yet.

Leong: What your priorities when drafting your proposed plan?

deCastro: Environmental issues prevailing along the eastern waterfront and keeping various project considerations in place.

Mecke: What was the deviation considered?

DeCastro: The deviation is from the population. The plan presented is a good solution.

Craig asked that Binder present his survey results before the task force hears from the rest of the public.

3) DISCUSSION WITH POLLING/SURVEY CONSULTANT INCLUDING UPDATE ON SURVEY ACTIVITES AND RESULTS

Binder summarized his survey results. He noted that Potrero Hill voters prefer to stay in District 10. Portola voters prefer to be in District 11. Russian Hill voters prefer to be in District 2 (opposed to being in District 3).

Noted that survey results from last week showed that Portola and Russian Hill wanted to be united.

He indicated that there is a strong preference to include District 3 in Russian Hill.

Murray asked Binder about areas that did not want change.

Binder indicated that in most cases neighborhoods that crossed boundary lines wanted to remain in their original districts.

Trasvina asked if the survey was limited to voters, and not all residents. Binder responded yes.

Trasvina asked if there were more Latino and Asian residents in Portola? Binder responded yes, by 10-15 % more.

Craig thanked Binder for presenting his survey results.

Craig asked if the public had any comments on the polling survey results.

Public Comment on Poll Survey Results:

Claire McGhee, Russian Hill, noted that she's heard feedback from people that differ from Binder's survey results. She knows people in District 2 that would like to stay there, almost 100% of people in District 3 that would like to stay there. She indicated that the issue of keeping Russian Hill whole is maybe a red flag. Russian Hill is a geographic district, a conglomeration of neighborhoods. McGhee suggests that perhaps in gather survey results, we may not have all of the information we need.

deCastro commented about the west side of Potrero Hill that is really different, the precinct adjacent to General Hospital. It is more Latino than the rest of Potrero Hill.

Choney Levy (verify spelling of name), President of the District 3 Democratic Club, agreed with McGhee. Has received lots of feedback. Those living in Russian Hill would like to remain in District 3. Russian Hill's neighborhoods need to stay together.

Craig noted that there is a Russian translator available for the meeting.

Continuing with Agenda Item 2, Public Comment:

Mecke asked that Spanish and Chinese translators be provided for the remaining Task Force meetings.

Mable Seto (translated by Cheng), District 10, noted that 30-40 people in her group attended supervisor Leland Yee's meeting this past Saturday and they expressed support for Plan 2. Their second choice is the coalition map presented by MALDEF.

Yuk Ma (translated by Cheng) lives on San Bruno Avenue. He indicated that there are neighborhoods in San Bruno, Silver Avenue and Portola that work closely together and support for Plan 2. They will submit a signed statement supporting Plan 2.

Al Lewis, past member of the District 11 Council, described how the Potrero Hill directive attacks OMI neighborhood activities at its very core. He indicated his support of the District 11 map plan. Opposed the MALDEF District 11 map plan. He said that the political, social and economic needs of District 11 neighborhood are priorities.

Betty Traynor, District 6, North Mission Area, expressed her concern with the Valencia Street line as the border of District 6/District 9. She asked that the line be moved back to Guerro Street.

Al Harris, District 11, voiced that OMI should be kept in District 11. OMI does not want to be placed in District 7.

Mary Harris, District 11 Council President, asked that District 11 be considered first for a change. She indicated that OMI has many needs to be considered. She expressed her support for the District 11 Council's map.

Steve Conley, Alliance for District 6, spoke about the diverse community of District 6/ District 3. He indicated that the Latino community, and the community at large of District 6 would like to remain in District 6.

Anthony Faber, District 6, spoke in favor of Plan 1 for District 6.

Susan Brian for Paul Goercke, District 6 & 3, expressed support for including Union Square in District 3. Brian/Goercke expressed a preference for Plan 2.

William Duffy, District 6, discussed the impact of moving District 3 into District 6. He indicated that there must be a solution that addresses the needs of both districts.

Susan Lew, President of the Roth Association, indicated that the redistricting process should preserve the voting powers of Latinos and Latinas. She asked that the Mission District remain intact, that Bayview and Potrero Hill should be kept together in District 10, and that Portola be part of Districts 9 and 11. She opposed Plan 1 as it severs 17th and 18th streets.

Denise LaPointe, District 7, Twin Peaks Improvement Association, expressed support for Plan 1, specifically with regard to keeping District 7 intact. Splitting up District 7 would dilute voting power.

Daniel Weaver, District 11, asked that the OMI be kept in District 11.

Ben Roland Gordon, District 11, Pastor of Ingleside Church on Ocean Avenue, indicated that it would be unjust to move Ocean Avenue from District 11 to District 7 (the vast majority of his church congregants live in District 11).

8:00 pm.

15 minute break

Christopher Bowman, Redistricting of Potrero Hill and Dog Patch, indicated that he had submitted two plans to the commission, Plan 2 and 3A. He presented a map of Plan 3A which keeps all of Russian Hill in District 2. He proposed that all of Potrero Hill and Dog Patch be moved to District 10 and District 6, thus uniting the north inner Mission. It would result in a 50.4% Hispanic district, and an increase of Asian Americans by 5%.

Murray asked that Bowman address the impact of his proposed change.

Bowman indicated that the percentage of African American would increase from 28.4% to 29.1%, the Asian American percentage would increase from 23% to 38.5%, and the White percentage would decrease from 16% to under 9%.

Mecke asked what is the impact on District 10 and 6, as Potrero Hill does not have a close fit with any of its neighbors.

Bowman replied that a more minority majority is created.

Mecke responded that ethnic race cannot be used as a justification for a move.

Bowman indicated that the propensity to vote is the first criteria, not the planning process.

Mecke said that Potrero Hill is 1 mile by 1 mile large, it's a large district, and moving such a large district would require a convincing argument.

Bowman said that if District 11 needs to lose people, there must be a proper balance. District 11 must lose 8.8% by shedding in the west and east to reach the 105 threshold. District 10 must then shed additionally by 5.8%. Potrero Hill represents that same number. If you keep Potrero Hill where it is, or add Mission Bay, you cannot bring the Mission district to its full glory.

Leong asked what are the street boundaries of District 9.

Bowman responded that the south boundary is Cesar Chavez, 280 to 101, west boundary San Jose Boulevard, and the eastern boundary shifts west.

Bowman indicated that his proposal works. It reunites a neighborhood of many Hispanics in District 9.

Alice Choy, District 10, (translated by Cheng), lives on Silver Avenue and expressed support for Plan 2.

Sam Dodge, Central City SRO Collaborative, District 6, asked that the commission protect the SRO in the redistricting process. He expressed concern about taking the North Mission out of District 6 and placing it in District 8 and 9 (see attached letter).

Deborah Walker, President of the Harvey Milk Club, expressed concern over displacement of the North Mission. She strongly suggested that its boundaries be kept intact, specifically the 17th street border.

Espanola Jackson, Bayview/Hunters Point Coalition, asked that the commission keep Potrero Hill with Bayview/Hunters Point.

Dwayne Jusino, Portola Commission to Remain in District 10, indicated that Portola does not wish to be moved into District 9. Voter propensity would be lost with such a change.

Trasvina asked if moving Portola to District 11 would be acceptable.

Jusino responded that Portola does not want to be divided as the neighborhood has a common community interest.

Trasvina asked if moving the line to 101 would be better or worse. Jusino responded worse because you would be dividing the community at its heart.

Raymond Vitale, District 8, presented a map to that attempts to address a number of issues:

- Keep Potrero Hill intact with District 10
- Unify Russian Hill, although not entirely successful
- Move and unify Portola into District 11
- Unify Japantown by putting it into District 2
- Unify USF into District 1
- Drop District line between Districts 1 and 2 into California Street

Include the definition of Inner Sunset in the map
Move the northern boundary of District 9 north
Places the 16th Street BART station in District 9

Attempted to deviate from 1% as little as possible.

Elie Lee, District 10, expressed opposition to Plan 2. Lee expressed support for the Southeast Neighborhood Coalition, and would like for Mission Bay to be in District 10.

Karen Kinaham, District 4, representing the Crestlake Homeowners Association, stated that District 4 does not want to lose Stern Grove and does not want to be a part of District 7.

Ron Dudum, District 4, said that participants in District 4 meetings would like for District 4 to maintain its integrity and remain as it is.

Alexis Gonzales, Mission District, commented that Valencia Street is a commercial area and should not be split, the Mission District should not be split, and that Guerro Street is a natural barrier. She expressed support for Plan 2.

Aimee M. Patten, District 6, works at Mission Agenda serving SRO Tenant population, asked that District 6 be kept intact because a division would negatively impact the Mission SRO district.

Larry Condall, District 6, lives in the Mission Hotel, and volunteers at the Mission Agenda. He also asked that District 6 be kept intact.

Daphne Benson, with the 6th Street Agenda, District 6, lives in the Mission District in an SRO hotel, asked that the North Mission be kept in District 6.

Karen Pierce, President of the Bayview/Hunters Point Democratic Club, District 10, noted that the southeast corridor has worked hard to come together. Bayview/Hunters Point, Potrero Hill, and Visitation Valley have true interests in common. These are neighborhoods that need to stay together. Pierce asked that Potrero Hill be kept with Bayview. If you separate the two areas, you will be pitting the areas against one another with regard to industrial developments. With Mission Bay being developed, unwanted activities will move south.

Joe Boss, asked that Potrero Hill be kept intact as its neighborhoods have been working together in a cohesive effort.

Tori Freeman, District 10, expressed that Bayview and Hunters Point should be kept together so that the two areas can voice their mutual concerns.

Pauline Peele, District 10, endorsed Plan 2, indicating that Portola would like to stay intact.

Dan Dodt, Bayview/Hunters Point Pact Member (Chair of Economic Development Committee), District 10, 20 year resident of Bayview District, gave a brief history supporting why the Bayview/Hunters Point Districts should be kept with Potrero Hill. Dodt suggested that Plan 1 should include the area east of 280 to Berry Street (China Basin), which would pick up

approximately 26 residents. He asked that the task force keep neighborhoods together so that they can plan together in a cohesive effort.

Michael Hamman, Bayview resident, Bayview Pact Member, India Basin Neighborhood Association, spoke on the commonalities of commerce, transportation, environmental challenges, economic challenges, and jurisdictional challenges between the Bayview/Hunters Point Districts and Potrero Hill. He asked that the areas be kept together as one voice.

Doug Comstock, 5 Together, District 5, sent a letter to the Task Force. He outlined 5 Together's priorities: 1) keep Japantown in the western addition and in District 5, 2) Unite Hayes Valley in District 5, and 3) keep the inner sunset as it is in District 5. District 5 would like to remain as it is. 5 Together is a community of neighborhoods interest in District 5. District 5 would like to be a progressive district. The MALDEF map is the closest map to what District 5 would like to see with the exception of Hayes Valley; they would like to see more of Hayes Valley in District 5. Does not see any reason to split Japantown. Does not need more of the Sunset in District 5.

Claire McGhee, Russian Hill, District 3, expressed that Russian Hill should be kept intact in District 3 in the northeast quadrant. McGhee emphasized that the map selected will be a 10-year decision, it's important to keep community interests together. McGhee supported Plan 1 or the MALDEF plan.

End of public comment on Agenda Item 2.

Craig thanked the public for the input, in particular those that took the time to create and present maps. Craig presented a map that she and Donaldson created with the technical consultants. The map reflects:

- Keeping the Mission District whole in District 9
- Keeping Potrero Hill in District 10 and it keeps its northern border
- District 9 retaining its percentage of Latinos
- The Portola neighborhood kept whole in District 11
- Hayes Valley made whole in District 6
- Russian Hill made whole within District 3
- Moving Japantown from District 5 to District 2
- USF, UCSF made whole in District 5
- Including the Inner Sunset in District 5
- Including Union Square in District 3
- Keeping District 4 the same
- District 8 does not go into District 7
- Glen Park whole in District 8
- Moving the District 8 northern border east
- Keeping Precinct 2002 in District 11
- The African American percentage in District 10 increasing

Craig noted that District 11 looks radically different. The only neighborhood that gets split is the Crocker Amazon.

Bisho asked where is the line between District 11 and 7. Is Ocean Avenue now in District 7?

Craig responded that she's not sure exactly about Ocean Avenue. Along the top of the area is Holloway Avenue. It drops a bit from its current line.

District 8 has changed in that Diamond Heights is now in District 7.

Murray asked if there were statistics on the map.

Craig indicated that Leah will get the statistics.

Craig indicated that we must now proceed with a final map, perhaps by first selecting a base map.

Murray reminded Craig that item 4, Report by Budget Committee, has not yet been discussed.

4) REPORT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE REGARDING REVISIONS TO BUDGET AND REALLOCATION OF BUDGETARY FUNDS

Murray reported that the Task Force is doing well with its budgeted funds. The \$15k that the task force is trying to recapture should be regarded as unavailable. The task force has revised and aggregated reserves. Murray asked that funds for food for the task force members at meetings be authorized.

Trasvina asked for an update on the print ads that were to be placed in Latino and gay news publications. Gillespie said that she had submitted the ads on March 28th and will follow up.

Donaldson asked if we are well under budget; Murray responded yes, if the task force continues with its current spending pattern.

Craig asked about the Technical Consultant's expense. Murray indicated that the task force will have reserves between \$5k-\$15k even if the Technical Consultant's expense runs over budget.

Ashton indicated that the Technical Consultant's expense will run over budget.

Motion 4/8/02-2 (Murray): Meet 15 minutes before the Thursday, April 11, 2002 task force meeting to discuss budget expenditures.
Unanimously carried.

Motion 4/8/02-3 (Murray): Revise the Agenda for Thursday, April 11, 2002 to include budget consideration.
Unanimously carried.

5) DISCUSSION OF MOVING DISTRICT LINES IN ORDER TO ADOPT FINAL MAP FOR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

Motion 4/8/02-4 (Mecke) The task force should keep Potrero Hill where it is in District 10, with no less than its current boundary at 16th Street.
Seconded by Donaldson.

Discussion:

Prozan felt that the language is too strong.

Trasvina indicated that the task force meetings typically ended at 10:30 pm. He asked if the meeting will continue forward.

Donaldson replied that he had anticipated that this meeting would be a marathon meeting and would like to see a preliminary map this evening.

Bisho agreed with Donaldson.

Prozan said that there are 3 more days of public input and reiterated that the language of the motion is too strong.

Donaldson indicated that the public deserves to see a map.

Mecke said that the public has made an effort to be heard, and it is time that the task force decides on some difficult issues.

Motion called to vote. 5 yes, 4 no, the motion passes.

Motion 4/8/02-5 (Trasvina) The northern boundary of District 9 shall be no further south than 17th Street.

Unanimously carried.

Donaldson commented that public input supports the motion.

Ashton displayed a map of the 4 block census color coded by ethnicity.

Bruce spoke about the impact of keeping Potrero Hill in District. He noted also that if the task force does not wish to decide on the base maps, they must decide on the formation of District 11.

Cheng asked Ashton to show the distribution of Asian voters in her map. She was also asked to show the map with a change of the District 3 line to Post Street.

Motion 4/8/02-6 (Murray) Set the agenda for the evening.

Motion 4/8/02-7 (Murray) Communicate with the Portola District, by phone bank, about the issue of being moved to District 11.

Bruce Cain commented that Portola can be kept in District 10, but it is drastic if you plan to keep it whole.

Motion 4/8/02-7 Revision (Murray) Communicate with the residences of the Portola District, by phone bank, to advise them of a potential change that will affect their district.

Trasvina stated that Murray's motion was not necessary.

Johnson stated that Wednesday is the earliest that a phone bank could be put together.

Motion 4/8/02-7 (Murray) Withdrew motion to communicate with Portola District via phone bank

Motion 4/8/02-8 (Bisho) Use Plan 1 as a base map.

Trasvina stated that Plan 1 does not encapsulate public input.

Cheng stated that she also did not support Plan 1.

Mecke agreed with Trasvina, stating that the MALDEF map is negated.

Donaldson suggested that the task force select a map and move forward.

Trasvina suggested using the MALDEF map.

Bisho expressed concern about using a map from an ethnic group. He thought that the task force is to steer away from that.

Craig indicated that there isn't such a criteria.

Murray stated that a map should be judged by its merits.

Jacobs agreed with Murray. Jacobs indicated that the MALDEF map was based on propensity to vote, not ethnic composition.

Motion 4/8/02-9 (Mecke) Use the MALDEF map as a base map.

Bruce suggested that the task force create a matrix and rate the maps.

Jacobs said that the contract with the consultants could be modified to take this work under consideration.

Motion 4/8/02-8 (Bisho) Withdrew motion to use Plan 1 as a base map.

Motion 4/8/02-10 (Murray, seconded by Cheng), Request the technical consultants to evaluate and score/rank maps that meet the task force criteria, including Potrero Hill as part of District 10.

The public made various comments on Murray's motion.

Chris Bowman supports motion, but hopes that task force might be able to pick and choose from other maps that keep prototype districts/neighborhoods together.

Claire McGhee, Russian Hill, stated that Russian Hill is currently split between District 2 and District 3. Is able to deal with the issue because there is enough of a mass of people to work

together. There's flexibility with regards to the borders, but does not want border to reach farther east than it is.

Kate Gillespie reminded task force that they've heard from over 290 people over the course of 4 days. Suggested that the task force narrow down the matrix process for the technical consultants so that there are two or three maps to move forward with over the next few days.

Bill Barnes stated that the task force is negating Plan 1 and 2 with Murray's motion. Is now concerned that the technical consultants now have to work with maps they did not prepare.

William Duffy said that he is not certain what Bowman said, but he still disagrees with it.

Motion 4/8/02-9 (Mecke) Withdrew motion to use the MALDEF map as a base map.

Murray and Bruce noted that the task force should not exclude Plan 1 from the analysis.

Motion 4/8/02-10 passes unanimously. Note, Plan 1 is still in the mix of maps to be considered.

Motion 4/8/02 -11 (Mecke) Translation services for Chinese and Spanish shall be provided the remainder of the task force meetings.

Motion passes unanimously.

8) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comment other than Bruce reminding everyone that the parking lot closes at 12 midnight.

9) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

Note: The Elections Task Force on Redistricting will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item. At this time members of the public may address the Commission on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Elections Task Force on Redistricting and that do not appear on the agenda.

- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2/19/02, 3/12/02, 3/18/02 (TASK FORCE MEETING), 3/14/02, 3/16/02, 3/19/02, 3/20/02 (TASK FORCE COMMUNITY MEETINGS), AND 3/15/02 (OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING). (ACTION ITEM)
- 4) DISCUSSION OF MOVING DISTRICT LINES IN ORDER TO ADOPT FINAL MAP FOR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. DISCUSSION TO BE BASED ON PRELIMINARY TASK FORCE MAPS 1 AND 2, ANY CHANGES TO PRELIMINARY MAPS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY TASK FORCE, MAP SUBMISSIONS BY PUBLIC, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK ON

PRELIMINARY MAPS. (DISCUSSION AND ACTION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF FINAL MAP)

- 5) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
- 6) TASK FORCE MEMBER BUSINESS. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.
- 7) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
- 8) ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes of the

San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting

Regular Meeting, City Hall, Room 263

April 9, 2002 at 6:30 PM

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I. Call to order and Roll Call:

Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 6:55PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, John Murray, Rebecca Prozan

Task Force Redistricting Consultant: Karin McDonald, Diana Ashton

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Parrish Spisz, Leah Hooker, Elise Johnson

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Agenda-Elections Redistricting Task Force Meeting, 4/9/02 at 6:30PM.
- Agenda-Revised Notice of Task Force Meeting, 4/11/02 at 6:30PM
- ETFR Criteria and Maps
- Draft of ETFR minutes from 2/19/02, 3/12/02, 3/14/02, 3/15/02, 3/18/02, 3/19/02
- Copy of public notice appearing in El Mensajero Newspaper
- South End Historic District Association Plan
- Community Feedback Comments

III. Approval of Minutes

Craig let's begin with Item 3 on the agenda, the approval of minutes. Any corrections or additions?

Cheng March 18th, page 10, I'm referred to as Claudine Craig.

Craig anything else?

Donaldson I move to approve the minutes with a caveat that we re-read them and can comment later.

Leong second.

Craig discussion on the motion?

Murray let's make an amendment to re-read minutes and approve them at our final meeting.

Craig let's take a vote on the motion.

Motion 4/9/02-1 Motion to tentatively approve minutes with final approval being given at concluding meeting.

Motion passes unanimously. Our next item is public comment, but I suggest waiting until later.

Murray I was talking to the consultant and we discussed changing the process of letting first-timers take more time.

Craig I spoke to Chad Jacobs about giving some people extra time and he said no, everyone has to have equal time.

Cheng any emails come in today?

Hooker I email every morning what we receive, anything that comes in today I'll send tomorrow.

Craig we'll now open for public comment. Be reminded you're limited to 3 minutes so everyone gets a chance.

II. Public Comment on matters appearing or not appearing on the task for agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the ETFR:

Jeffery Lebowitz I emailed you a plan this evening from the South End Historic District Association. Could you clarify criteria you used to keep Potrero Hill in District 10?

Craig yes, we voted on keeping the Potrero Hill in 10 up to its current borders.

Charlie Walker I'm from District 10. Would it be proper say we want to be severed from Potrero Hill. The lawyers don't want to represent us in Hunters Point. We don't want to be in Potrero Hill. We won't have any representation except clerks and appointed positions. We have high cancer rates, women have high breast cancer rates. Who represents us after the way you voted. What do we do? This is plantation politics. Reconsider, or put on hold your decision until we mobilize. That African-American group who said they want to Potrero Hill to stay in 10 doesn't speak for us.

James Bryant an email was intercepted, unfortunately from the Chair. What if the commission on planning or redevelopment sent an email regarding city business to political allies? What is this document all about. This task force is entrusted with a bond to all people not just friends. This hasn't happened (trust), everyone should have access. After I read the email, I have doubt about that. Your action betrays the trust we gave her as Chair. I ask the Chair to resign tonight and that all the documents be made available to all the public tonight.

Dr. Walker I live in District 10. We put together a group of African American churches to face the issues of our community. We've lost 25-40 families in our church. I'm concerned about adequate representation. A representative who'll represent our community. You already voted for District 10. Will my comments mean anything? I was here recently about Home Depot and self-determination. Will we have another opportunity to voice our opinions?

Craig the rest of the week we'll be getting comment and public input. Our final decision is April 11 when we'll draw map lines. You can give input the rest of the week. We're still very open and appreciative of your input.

Dr. Walker economics determines political involvement.

Trasvina we're going to listen. What would your view be of the optimal lines for what 10 should look like?

Dr. Walker have North part of Potrero Hill drawn in portion of District 6.

Steve Courier I'm with the Outer Mission and Crocker Amazon community. You came to our community, you've listened to our issues. But, you're not listening to us. We have people in my neighborhood who can't go to meetings, but feel passionately about issues. Regarding the remake of District 11 community, consider the District 11 council map. We do not want to be split in any way. We who live in Crocker Amazon, Outer Mission and Cayuga Terrace don't want to be split up. Keep communities of interests in mind. Don't put Crocker Amazon in District 10. (submitted written statement).

Marie J. Franklin I live in the Bayview District. When you came to Potrero Hill, why didn't you go to the central area of District 10. It's questionable to what you're trying to do. Can you schedule a community meeting in Bayview/ Hunters Point. You left four-fifths of community out. You have unfinished business. People haven't spoken on this. What you've done is trying to break up District 10. It defeats your purpose. We can come out Saturday if you would consider the people because we're in opposition.

Myrna Lim I'm distressed about reports regarding the redistricting premise. I trust each and everyone one of you with doing your job with integrity and not being involved with politicians. Incumbents should do their job. Do what you promise and you'll get re-elected. The Filipino community has been displaced. Asians and African Americans are displaced. 25% of District 11 cut out is that justice? Please remember your functions and do what you were chosen to do.

David Delgado from District 6. Taking N. Mission and moving it to 9 is a bad idea. The realism is that four other precincts should be moved. 3408, 3411, 3412 and 3413. These are South Beach residents and it makes more sense to move them in District 3. The boundaries are 1st Street to the water.

unknown we're fighting over real estate. I used to live on the border of 9 and 6. Now live in the Tenderloin. The average Joe doesn't know what district they're in. District is the second most ethnically diverse neighborhood in the U.S. 86% renters. Urge you to keep N. Mission in District 6 and look at other ways to eliminate population.

Rev. Ted Fraser I'm with the church at 1970 Ocean Ave. I have deep concerns about the process and proposed way lines are drawn. Because of the necessity of the census you're set up to look out for the best interest of the people in the city. Heard nothing but negatives about redrawing lines 7, 11 and 10. Concerned about public comment. Lack of communication with community to get input. Expand your minds to draw lines. But to arbitrarily cut-off Ocean Ave. in 11, rethink that.

Craig let me express and clarify that we haven't drawn any lines yet. We made 2 decisions that the North border of 9 shouldn't go further than 17th and to keep Potrero Hill's borders in current district. So, it's the perfect opportunity to give us your changes.

Cheng as far as the 2 points we adopted last night, is it set in stone?

Craig we passed a motion last night.

Cheng can people still comment on it?

Craig I'm not limiting public comment.

Mecke as I recall I used the term final in my motion. It was a decision we made and we will progress from there. Do we make decisions and then revisit?

Trasvina if a member of the majority moves to reconsider the motion can we revoke on it? Unless we change it by a motion and it passes our decision is final.

Jacobs that is correct. If the task force rescinded a motion and passed a new motion it could do so.

Murray I've been taking notes and last night we began the task of redistricting. My reasons for voting against the majority, there are a lot of community issues and enormous testimony about District 11. Issues about jobs, crime, schools and support services for families. We haven't heard from them. People aren't organized around that. We took a vote but we remain open. I want to go on record why I didn't agree with the vote.

Andre Spearman the goals of the task force are equal vote and representation. I'm here today because of the struggles of Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement. You can't make everyone happy. Don't look at the size of population, evaluate the communities of interest. Look how they vote on ballot issues. Example – community policing. How District 10 voted Bayview vs. Potrero Hill. Vote for representative who reflects their thoughts. African Americans are caught up in a nightmare. Institutional racism exists. Look at healthcare. You make \$200K you can afford it, but if you make \$10/hr you have to make a choice.

Mecke was there a community policing issue on the ballot?

Spearman No, I used it as an example.

Mecke I understand your point, it's difficult to respond to since it's theoretical.

Spearman you can work with DOE to research ballot measures from 1990 until now and evaluate how they vote to see if they have a community of interest.

Jonnie Levy from District 6. I support the notion of taking Eastern part of 4th Street and adding it to District 3. South Beach is compatible with North Beach. We have a historic district and our development is similar to 3. In 6 we're looked upon as interlopers, we don't want to stay where people don't want us.

Mike Bernardo from District 11. I received an email with changes I don't understand. I saw that it's from the Chair. Looks like map was drawn behind closed doors. Chair should resign and replace with someone fair.

Craig let me respond to that and end the mystery. On late Friday, I finished a map I made as an official submission. It was presented yesterday to the public, then sent it out to friends. It got posted on a chat room. Let me read the email into the record. With the task force's indulgence, I'll read it for clarity. (see attached memo).

Bisho a question for the city attorney, is it true that anyone can submit a map?

Jacobs that is correct.

Trasvina for the record, I didn't co-sponsor your map Madame Chair, but I agree with your approach and your integrity to be above board. This process can't compare to others because it's not done by

elected officials. This is an unprecedented effort to get public opinion. You have been above board and responsible.

Donaldson I was proud to sponsor your map. I did have some problems with it, but every map gives us a chance to consider ideas as to how to draw the final map.

Murray I respect everyone's right to submit a map, but I think everyone should've had a chance to see it. I'm disappointed and by sharing it, it could've avoided any problems.

Craig the Brown Act prevented it. Can we have comment from our city attorney.

Jacobs the advice is to be careful of situations that would result in non-public meetings and emails and phone conversations, or talking through intermediaries can create that.

Richard Marquez Thank you for your efforts and I put my trust in what you're doing. The MALDEF plan is flawed. Trying to consolidate the Latino vote in the N. Mission wouldn't happen. Keep N. Mission in 6, cut out South Beach.

Yvonne Lee District 3 resident. I want to reiterate what you've heard from the Asian community in 2 previous community meetings. Extend District 3 in North areas of 6. Asian families of Chinatown and Tenderloin have more in common. I support the coalition plan. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce also supports the coalition map.

Craig let's recess for 5 minutes.

Craig let me start with making an announcement, due to safety regulations we can't have people standing against the wall waiting to speak. You'll have to go to the overflow room. We can call you when it's your turn to speak.

Royce Vaughn Founder and CEO of District 11 Business Association. This is about one person one vote. I'm concerned about separating the Ocean Ave. merchants from customers. It's a tragedy. It's not fair, it's not legal. We take this very seriously. We opposed adding 2 streetcar tracks on Ocean, we've worked on fighting crime, programs for youth jobs. We care about our community. Separating us from our main street isn't fair.

Bisho District 11 needs to lose people. Any ideas on how to do this?

Vaughn I'll work with you on that. Some parts of Alemany are good prospects.

Craig would you help with these boundaries?

Vaughn yes.

Trasvina you're right about 1 man, 1 vote, but help me understand how customers will act differently or how merchants will change if lines change?

Vaughn The North side of Ocean doesn't qualify for redevelopment. We need to find ways people can work where they live. This impacts crime. Our community in the OMI should be the most exciting multiracial community in the country. I'm determined to make it an exciting community.

Bonnie Martin from the Crocker Amazon. As a private citizen, if my neighborhood moves into District 10 it won't change my habits. I shop on Mission in the Excelsior. Resident interests tie into Geneva and

Mission. As an observer, I don't belong to any neighborhood groups. Proposal to move Crocker Amazon to 10. It would viscerate the neighborhood. It would have to work with 2 supervisors to get things done.

LeAnne Prifti I'm with the Diamond Heights Assc. in District 8. It was the first I heard last night we'd be moving into District 7. We're a progressive neighborhood and we have no chance to respond. As a progressive person it seems Diamond Heights should stay in 8. We're ethnically diverse and have a high percentage to vote. We want to be in a district that represents our interests.

Leong what are the current Diamond Heights boundaries?

Prifti Portola, O'Shaughnessy, Diamond Hts. Blvd and Glen Park just above Clipper.

Susan Horsfall I submitted a map and memo last week, it's about what to do with the South of 6 and the North of 10. I live in 10. It was a memo written by me and Willie B. Kennedy and others. It addresses transportation and environmental issues. The supervisor of PacBell Park and Mission Bay is in 6. Move border to 23rd Street. Your role is to be a receptacle. You can't split hairs of the Sunshine Act, or the Brown Act. Very disappointed. Take it seriously.

Peter Holden Hayes Valley. Hayes Valley is split as you know. North of Page, East of Webster. In 6 or 5, it doesn't matter. But, looking at 6 and Potrero Hill issue it disturbs me that 101 to 280 seems to be sacrosanct. Take it into consideration to move these homes. General Hospital area is Mission not Potrero Hill or Bayview. It's the Mission. Sunnyside in the OMI. Those lines should move South.

Bob Boileau I'm disappointed how the commission has acted. The working class hasn't been reached out to. You should make few changes as possible. Mess with the lines too much people will vote against district elections. Prefer District 6 vs. 10. No one has a chance to review maps before you turn them in. It could engender lawsuits.

Craig No one wishes more than we do that we had more time.

Shelly Bell I'm with the African American Democratic Club. Our clubs talk to each other about the different plans. We support the Cavec and Alexis De Tocqueville Club plans for District 8. Disappointed that Chair would send a memo. Makes it a sneaky process instead of an open dialogue. Couldn't get public speaking session to go right tonight and you're in charge of this process, it concerns me.

Trasvina You mentioned the Democratic Clubs talk to each other. Karen Pierce represents a Democratic Club in 10, Her opinion contradicts your views.

Bell depends where you go. You were in Potrero Hill and got Karen Pierce. You didn't talk to people on the Hill. You could've reached out to Democratic Clubs.

Cheng we did contact Democratic Clubs and the Democratic Central Committee.

Unknown I'm from the Hayes Valley Business Assc. and Tenants Assc. We're working day and night to resolve crime issues in Hayes Valley. We don't need divisive issues. We've been helped by Chris Daly. He's our Supervisor. We don't want to be moved into 5. We've been improving our communities and the last thing we need is to be moved around. We encourage you to make Laguna the boundary.

Craig What are the Hayes Valley boundaries?

Unknown Laguna Street is the definitive boundary. Straight down the line.

Jonathan North I grew up at Grant and Lombard in North Beach. I see an increasingly shrinking North Beach on the map. Russian Hill is a part of North Beach. It's always been. North Beach should be thought of a little more.

Hubert Yee from Visitation Valley. I submit a colleagues letter regarding keeping Potrero Hill in 10 at the expense of Portola. It makes sense separating Potrero Hill from 10. Quality of life issues are shared with Bayview, Vis Valley and Portola. When a parole facility was planned for a Potrero Hill industrial area it was fought and moved to a residential area of Bayview. Potrero didn't help but Portola did.

Marc Salomon I'm from 9. Take border to 101. Guerrero should be the line for 8. Hayes Valley in 5, 5 should keep Japantown. 10 should take the North side of Potrero Hill. A candidate would have more affinity with their community.

Garrett Jenkins from the Tenderloin. The Tenderloin boundaries are etched in stone. You can't slice the Tenderloin. Thought the Chair's email was inappropriate, it should have been presented to the public first. Let me comment on the idea that South Beach folks aren't welcome in 6. It's only because N. Mission wants to stay in 6. Please reconsider last night's vote to allow further testimony for Bayview and OMI.

Craig What are the Tenderloin boundaries?

Jenkins Post, Van Ness, Powell and Market.

Murray do you include 5th and 7th Streets along Mission in Tenderloin?

Jenkins I wouldn't include it as part of the Tenderloin.

Chris Bowman last night a commissioner made a motion to keep Potrero Hill in 10. He said he heard no compelling evidence otherwise. Still the case? Look at jobs creation voting behavior. Stadium proposals have been voted down by Potrero Hill, the Bayview supported them. I believe props L&K and also home porting of the USS Missouri. There is a difference in voting behavior and you should take it into consideration.

Craig let's take a 15minute recess.

John deCastro District 6 is over 80% SROs and renters. Their problems are the homeless and drug abusers. There's no connection with rest of SOMA. Environmental justice issues tie Potrero Hill with Bayview and Vis Valley. Examples are the power plant and sewer issues. We'll work together. Development issues of area should be under one supervisor.

Ken Kolani District 11, Crocker Amazon. Question why you asked a Diamond Heights resident to explain boundaries. Showed me you haven't done enough research on subject and prompted me to speak. Urge you to support the District 11 Council boundaries.

Leong the reason why we ask neighborhood boundaries because it's a board of realtors map. So it may differ from people who live there.

Sharon Eberhard Cayuga Terrace Improvement Assoc. in District 11. Because of what has occurred in the last 24hrs I had to speak. May be little I can say. I feel betrayed to disregard the testimony by people in District 11. Want to keep association together in district who stood shoulder to shoulder to help neighborhood. That's my agenda. We decided to stand as one community.

Scott Moore I want to comment on the Chair's email. The issues are that the map isn't in the binder or labeled. Regarding the Sunshine Act, you could've announced you were working on it. Potrero Hill vote maybe violates Sunshine since it wasn't on the agenda. Keep Diamond Heights in 8 and unify Glen Park.

Dwayne Justino your map divides my neighborhood into 3 Districts. The Portola is up against special interests groups namely Potrero Hill. Be true to the legal criteria. Potrero Hill presence in 10 makes a mockery of 1 person 1 vote. To Mecke, the conflict of voting on Prop. L and K between Potrero Hill and Bayview gives you a starting point.

Trasvina you want to keep Portola in 10? The Binder Poll suggests Portola wanted to be in 11. If we're forced to divide Portola by the North and South and East and West what basis should we use?

Justino I'm not a pollster. I'm editor of the Portola Press, and consider myself in touch with the community. The Binder Poll was of registered voters only. It doesn't adequately represent the will of my community. The freeway divides North and South. But I couldn't say where to cut.

Craig we haven't approved a map yet.

Justino the latest map that keeps Potrero Hill in 10 and puts Portola in 11 except area of Silver Terrace into 9. Portola is the lynchpin of District 10. We're working class and our concerns are different from Potrero Hill.

Mecke appreciate your time. My question is if you switched positions with us what criteria would you use to evaluate public opinion? By the numbers? How do you judge public opinion? A phenomenal decision to make our vote last night. In the end, we're accused one way or another.

Justino my perspective comes from my neighborhood. You need to use the legal criteria. We looked at the principles before we spoke. Your guiding criteria is what we used.

Sandy Mori Japantown Task Force addresses planning and preservation of Japantown. Consider Japantown intact as one neighborhood. Preference for District 5.

Paul Hogan Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club doesn't want the boundary of District 8 to shrink, add only. West boundaries remain at Twin Peaks and O'Shaughnessy. Grow at Glen Park, Buena Vista, Duboce Triangle Ashbury Heights and the Northside. Boundary should go to Waller to Buena Vista Park and Frederick. Or, consider the Valencia corridor.

Prozan Is it rational for Valencia Street?

Hogan don't think we need it, but if we do then we'd grow that way.

Regina Blosser OMI neighborhood. We want to keep our neighborhood intact. Don't make us the last domino. Ocean is our only commercial street. We've worked on it, another district hasn't put anything in it. Brotherhood way is also ours. We cleaned this up too. Don't separate us. We've worked too hard.

Mecke I want to impress upon everyone we haven't drawn any lines. Our decisions haven't drawn any lines.

Trasvina there are a lot of maps out there. Many cut along Brotherhood way. Do you want that part? What's your view?

Blosser anything South of Brotherhood Way take out.

Judith Blackwell resident of Bayview near Candlestick. My experiences about what should be taken into account. Different communities have different access to city. I think that's what you're seeing in your frustration.

Tab Buckner reiterate issues about giving voices to people who haven't had voices. Support SW corner of 6 with Guerrero and 17th Street as borders.

David Parker District 7. A difficult task before you. You can't please everyone. If you wanted to vary arbitrary you could draw 11 straight lines. Regarding 1 person 1 vote, no one's left out of this equation. You have a supervisor. Not looking at it logically, but from the heart. The law is the law.

Phil Teng keep intact commonality of API in various neighborhoods. There is a lack of representation in Asian American community. Coalition map is a good start. Expand District 3 South, Japantown in 5, maintain VisValley in 10.

Larry Roberts live in 5. I'd like to address the issue of keeping Japantown together in 5. Hayes Valley favor keeping it in 5. Caution adding some areas of inner sunset in 5.

Claire Zavanski I'm representing the working people of SF in 10 and 11. Bayview, Hunters Point, OMI, Crocker Amazon, Portola and Vis Valley. We have in the 11 the lowest registered vote count. That's because we have many families and new immigrants. We're here to represent workers of SF. Advocate District 11 Council map.

IV. Drawing of Map lines

Craig let's hear from our tech consultants about their assignments.

Karin McDonald we looked at maps that kept Potrero Hill in 10. Some split Potrero Hill, some keep it whole based on Realtor's map. The criteria. Freeze District 4, keep Potrero Hill in 10, stick to District 11 Council map, Japantown united, Duboce Triangle in 8, Russian Hill united in 2. Mission includes 16th Street BART Station. District 9 boundaries move to 17th Street. Portola whole, District 3 South boundary equals coalition map. Basically we went through a yes or no on each item. When you carve districts you move blocks. Coalition map gets a yes, J.Boss no, Gwenn no, not all maps got posted.

Craig my map wasn't posted, why?

McDonald don't know.

Johnson it was received. I'll follow up to get it posted.

Prozan Prelim 1 Map ranked the highest, but Prelim 2 map using neighborhood layer scores the highest.

McDonald yes.

Ashton scoring is off. Waller moves, Hayes Valley intact, can't be moved at the same time.

Craig we have Spanish, Russian and Cantonese translation. Anyone need it? We can excuse them for the night. March 28th we laid out criteria for a map for our consultant to make. The criteria was agreed upon by the Task Force.

McDonald the District 11 Council map wasn't included.

Cheng the map that scored the highest doesn't mean it is the most perfect.

Bisho I'd like to make a motion to use Prelim 1 map to start drawing lines.

Mecke second.

Trasvina it doesn't do what we voted on unanimously. Let's look at another map either the coalition or the Chair's map.

Cheng I prefer the coalition map.

Bisho if I can see I might agree to it.

Prozan Maps 1 and 2 are closest to criteria we looked at.

Leong I concur with Prozan.

Bisho use MALDEF plan as a base map.

Mecke second.

Murray people who voted last night said with overwhelming testimony they wanted to keep Potrero Hill. Tonight we've heard otherwise. In District you have issues of crime, education and jobs. This is a disservice. We're making a mistake.

Donaldson we have to start somewhere at least as a starting point.

Craig public comment.

Jeffery Lebowitz the South Beach community hasn't been politically active. We're late at the table. I haven't heard any discussion on what we've submitted. Frustrated by the process. Frankly, last night's motion was an incumbent's motion. It's open to lawsuits.

William Duffy the 2 criteria are naturally exclusive. Can't keep Tenderloin intact and also move 3 South.

Judith Balckwell urge you to amend this motion or defer it until you revisit last night's motion. For sake of credibility of task force have an open debate about this otherwise you disenfranchise people who spoke tonight.

Christine Konkell live in South Beach. Consider our proposal that you asked us to submit. It takes East waterfront into 3. It makes economic, political and geographic sense. SF is changing. SOMA isn't what it used to be.

Craig our motion is just a starting point. It doesn't preclude your proposal.

Cheng what street is South Border of South Beach?

Konkel from Mission Creek and South Beach Marina. Our map keeps waterfront intact.

Susan Horsfall human things happen to all of us, so sometimes we can't always be here. A resolution is non-binding. You can show leadership by listening to people who came out tonight. Discourage use of MALDEF. Many people spoke out against it. Encourage you to listen to people who came out tonight.

Tab Buckner pass this motion. While I have issues with it, it's not a bad start. If you don't start soon you won't finish by Monday. Looking back at the 1995 redistricting, this is one of the most open processes. At what point do you stop and make a decision.

Paul Hogan concur with Prozan. Plan 2 is more appropriate place to start. Revisit prior motion. Several defects of MALDEF map. District 11 has serious objections to it.

Scott Moore object to MALDEF map. Concur with Prozan that Plan 2 is better starting point.

Michael Goldstein the MALDEF map is problematic. Problems are in District 3, District 6 and 9 boundaries, District 8 and 7 borders into account. North area of lower Haight.

Garrett Jenkins regardless of what map you choose to start with, the Tenderloin boundaries are etched in stone. Tenderloin boundaries are Van Ness, Post, Powell and Market.

Claire McGhee starting point accept MALDEF plan. Oppose Plan 2 because it moves Russian Hill into 2. Let's put a stake in the ground and get started.

Steve Currier from District 11 Council. Vote down the MALDEF plan, it takes part of Ocean Ave. out of 11. Reconsider Plan 2 as a starting point.

Murray MALDEF and Council 11 maps each have line on 11.

Currier yes.

Unknown any map you start with is incidental since in our proposal hasn't been considered. District 6 needs to lose, District 3 needs to gain. No controversy over moving line South. 3408, 3409, 3411, 3412, 3413 are voting blocs.

Rebecca Silverberg last night's motion you drew a boundary, only way they lose population in District 11 is on the West. How can you say you haven't drawn boundaries. When I look at criteria to keep neighborhoods, Potrero Hill isn't a neighborhood, it's a location. You can divide hill into 2 neighborhoods, NW to 6 and SE to 10.

Denise LaPointe I support adopting a map for a base only.

Shelley Bell every map you have to consider has Potrero Hill in 10. Didn't hear from Bayview. Consider one plan that takes Potrero Hill out of 10.

Craig let me clarify. We have heard from a number of Bayview residents and they spoke passionately about keeping Potrero Hill in 10.

Bill Barnes speak in favor of Bisho's motion. Potrero Hill has African Americans living there. There is a commonality between the communities. Cheng articulated well expanding Asian American community in District 3.

John deCastro represent coalition that includes Potrero Hill and Bayview. Trying to tie communities together. Support adopting the motion. It's time to draw the lines.

Aaron Peskin I'm here to impart to you that the work you're doing transcends politics. It'll shape SF for the next decade. Do the right thing for the right reason. Don't succumb to politics, to deals. Consider what public has to say. Uphold your duty and discharge it faithfully.

Craig motion is to use MALDEF, we have a roll call vote.

Motion 4/9/02-2 To use the MALDEF (Coalition) Map as the baseline map.

Y – Craig, Trasvina, Bisho, Donaldson, Mecke 5

N – Cheng, Leong, Murray, Prozan 4

Craig the motion carries, 5-4.

Cheng how does this affect the census criteria points?

Bisho it doesn't. Keep East boundary of 7 as it is. It keeps Diamond Heights in 8. No one's testified against this. I make a motion to keep East boundary in 7 as it currently is and give District 8 all of Glen Park and Diamond Heights.

Donaldson second.

Trasvina I want to support motion, but is there a reason for District 8 to change at this time?

Scott Moore agree with it, but concern about Glen Park all being in 8 because maybe 8 should grow more into the North area.

Donaldson lived in Glen Park area and it works better in 8. It won't hurt the expansion of 8.

Denise LaPointe supports Bisho motion.

Tab Buckner better to move 8 on Northside first.

Mike Goldstein go North with 8, more parity with areas.

Craig vote on the motion.

Motion 4/9/02-3 To keep Eastern Boundary of District 7 as it currently is and give District 8 all of Glen Park and Diamond Heights.

Motion passes unanimously.

Cheng make a motion to support the District 4 freeze, Japantown united in 5, Duboce Triangle in 8, Treasure Island in 6, Mission includes 16th Street BART, 9 North boundary North of 17th Street, District 3 per the Coalition map.

Trasvina understand MALDEF is our outline, now we're adopting something we already agreed on.

Murray if we adopt these we'll squeeze ourselves in. Let's talk about District 11. They have more important issues.

Mecke agree with Murray.

Cheng motion withdrawn.

Prozan been to District 11 at every meeting. They knew what they had to do. I support their map. Put it on the table for discussion.

Leong second.

Trasvina real issues in 11. There is a disparity of views from organized groups, unorganized groups and the survey. Most fair way to deal with this spread the pain throughout district so no one area is cut. This approach is better than District 11 Council approach. MALDEF map doesn't split OMI. The coalition approach addresses Latino, Asian and African American issues in the district. I'm compelled to go with the coalition approach.

Mecke Ms. Silverberg approach. Concern about precincts that are Filipino. Can we add it to your map?

Silverberg keep OMI intact is our primary focus.

Mecke where is there leeway if OMI is not touched?

Silverberg Portola area, Stoneridge and Saddleback.

Donaldson don't want to take away from District 11 Council. Concur with Trasvina. Pain should be spread evenly. Even those District 11 people who were here, it shouldn't sway us since there were people who couldn't see us.

Bisho Ms. Blosser does the MALDEF map keep OMI intact?

Blosser it cuts part of Ocean Ave. We want OMI to front Ocean Ave.

Bisho if you took out Ingleside you could get more of Ocean back?

Silverberg yes.

Trasvina having Ocean Ave. cut is very serious. Put it into 11 and move East Portola line.

Craig suggest a sub motion to protect OMI protected groups.

Trasvina describe protected groups in Portola vs. OMI.

Craig based on what our criteria is that wouldn't change neighborhoods which we split before.

Trasvina it would seem Asian population in OMI where cuts are suggested has more in common with 7.

Ashton In that area you would have 52% Asian and 16% African American.

Prozan we need to take one issue at a time. My motion is to adopt District 11 Council map.

Craig I'd vote no because 11 is too big and we should take it one at a time. Public comment.

Steve Currier Commissioner Trasvina, District 11 is the most diverse group in SF, don't separate us.

Trasvina the point of a coalition map is the point to see that every aspect is treated fairly. Spreading the cuts is the best approach.

Blosser Ocean Ave. is our only commercial corridor.

Chan You're conversation was similar to what we had on the coalition. Very committed to protect African American community in the OMI. If you adopt District 11 map it will have repercussions. Because it could dilute 9 as a viable Latino district.

Garret Jenkins revisit the motion you passed because it has boxed you in, don't be inflexible.

Scott Moore my impression was that you thought you'd have a map to present for public comment. You don't have it.

Unknown I support the Prozan motion regarding District 11 Council map.

Craig ready to vote.

Motion 4/9/02-4 To accept District 11 map as basis for district 11 boundaries in final map.

Roll call

Y Bisho, Leong, Mecke, Murray, Prozan, Cheng 6

N Craig, Trasvina, Donaldson 3

Craig motion passes 6-3.

Prozan I make a motion for a special order tomorrow to take public comment and propose a Saturday meeting at 11AM.

Mecke amend it that public comment begins at 7PM and a Monday meeting in the morning.

Prozan accepted.

Leong comment on April 15th deadline, if we have a meeting.

Jacobs it's okay.

Trasvina can we recess Thursday meeting until Friday?

Jacobs I'll let you know tomorrow.

Murray if you reach deadline but haven't finished lines?

Jacobs city can be sued and courts could draw the lines.

Craig vote on the motion.

Motion 4/9/02-5 To have special public comment section added to 4/10/02 meeting at 7pm and to schedule a meeting for Saturday morning.

Passes unanimously.

Adjourned at 12:55AM

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

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- 3) DISCUSSION OF MOVING DISTRICT LINES IN ORDER TO ADOPT FINAL MAP FOR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. DISCUSSION TO BE BASED ON PRELIMINARY TASK FORCE MAPS 1 AND 2, ANY CHANGES TO PRELIMINARY MAPS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY TASK FORCE, MAP SUBMISSIONS BY PUBLIC, AND PUBLIC COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK ON PRELIMINARY MAPS. (DISCUSSION AND ACTION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF FINAL MAP)

- 4) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
 - 5) TASK FORCE MEMBER BUSINESS. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.
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I. Call to order and Roll Call:

Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, John Murray, Rebecca Prozan

Task Force Redistricting Consultant: Karin McDonald, Diana Ashton, Bruce Cain

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Parrish Spisz, Leah Hooker, Elise Johnson

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- Agenda-Elections Redistricting Task Force Meeting, 4/10/02 at 6:30PM.
- Agenda-Revised Notice of Task Force Meeting, 4/11/02 at 6:30PM
- Community Feedback Comments

II. Public Comment

Craig We have a special order this evening to get to the map making process in Item 3 at 7:30PM. We keep our regular agenda until 7:30PM and afterward return to the agenda. We need to move swiftly to allow public comment. We're open for general comment at this time. Your time limit is one minute so that we can hear from as many people as possible.

Murray I encourage those we heard from to defer to new folks to be heard.

Olin Webb Bayview/Hunters Point Advocates. Lifelong Bayview resident. Please don't change last African American voting block with redistricting. You'd split African American community. We're a minority. Let us have a right to vote on what we want, not have new people dictate what we want. Keep the supervisor we got. Finally got it right to work for us.

Karen Pierce There are many pressing issues. We need to leave early to discuss the energy plant at a community meeting. Potrero Hill and Bayview people aren't here because they're down there discussing the sewage plant. Listen to us.

Jesse Mason Bayview/Hunters Point is discussing contaminated areas and educating people about them. We need Potrero Hill. We're working together to save our lives. All issues concern us. Continue the voting block to be a part of the process. Don't eliminate us.

Pauline Peele District 10. Potrero Hill and Bayview are working on issues of 3rd Street corridor, sewage and power. Don't divide our voice.

John deCastro in Potrero Hill we have crime issues. Potrero Hill isn't pristine like Pacific Heights. We need to work with Bayview on these issues together.

Florence Yamada live in District 2 work in 5. Supervisor in 2 doesn't know what happens in Japantown. Keep it the way it is. Don't change Japantown, keep it in 5.

Dwayne Justino one thing I have to say, the issue of voter propensity in District 10 is unbalanced. It has gone unanswered. One criteria that is objective is voter propensity, it is either balanced or unbalanced.

Scott Moore thank you for the actions last night. Voting on District 11 map is a victory. Thank Craig for keeping OMI intact.

Rebecca Silverberg District 11 Council. We'll take back Sickles area we discussed if we can.

Steve Currier thank you for supporting our neighborhood.

Babette Drefke District 10. Potrero Hill is partially in 6. Let's put it all in 6. Cut 6 off at Market Street. Keep Potrero Hill together.

Nicholas Renault Hayes Valley. I'm right at the boundary to change from 6 to 5. Make Laguna the boundary straight down.

Murray could you write down the Hayes Valley boundaries and submit them to us.

Chris Hirano maintain Japantown in 5. Long history with Western Addition. Because of that Japantown and Western Addition have issues, crime, business development and gentrification.

Mecke Japantown borders are California to Geary, Gough to Steiner.

Gary Kitahata Japantown has long relationships with Western Addition, not District 2. If you split Japantown you'll obliterate Japantown. Keep it in 5.

Paul Osaki advocate Japantown stay intact with Western Addition in District 5. Japantown is in its greatest time. You can affect our community. Keep us intact with Western Addition.

Kathy Reyes we've been working to keep Japantown together. Western Addition and Japantown need to stay together.

Jonathan North I remember Japantown, North Beach, Fillmore and Marina. North Beach is being shrunk. North Beach is said to be changed. Huge influx of outsiders.

Dan Piersini Crocker Amazon. Thank you for not splitting Crocker Amazon.

Jim Rodriguez MALDEF came from Southern California. No community involvement. Supervisor Sandoval asked groups not to endorse it. Please don't endorse it. It's flawed.

Gerard Gleason for last six elections I designed the VIP for SF. I suggest reserving time at the end to have people review maps. It's going to be the small things. For Dept. of Elections you'll have problems with all kinds of ballot types.

Craig will you help us to resolve issues if we do overlays of districts?

Gleason yes. Overlay with State and Fed lines. Ballot types have to be created for every issue no matter how small. Spend a lot of time and a lot of stress, it's not worth it. One election BART District goes down to 101, but district runs down Bayshore.

Murray we can work on overlays on Saturday.

Craig any help you can give us would be appreciated.

Joe Maguire from CACE. Issue of ballot types. You can do a great service to voters and save them costs and headaches that small ballot types create. Now 44 ballot types up from 29. You can work on this at end of the project. I will assist you. I can show you problem areas.

Frederick Hobson District 6. Move Downtown back into 6, Cathedral Hill into 2.

William Duffy use objective measures. Part of debate of North Tenderloin is Chinese community. But, Chinese is all over the city. A small part of the Tenderloin won't help.

Dorothy Peterson District 10. Black vote is diluted. More voters in Bayview than Potrero Hill. No community meetings in Bayview. We need a Black vote.

Craig you're advocating for what in 10?

Peterson give us more power. Don't dilute our vote. Consider predominant ethnic make-up of 10 if you're going to redistrict.

Prozan who do you lose?.

Peterson I won't make that decision for the district. Just consider the ethnic minority otherwise it's gerrymandering.

Mecke according to statistics in 10, non-Latino African Americans is 28%, non-Latino Asian Americans is 38% and White is 15%. Now Bayview has more Asians.

Peterson District 10 is primarily Bayview and Hunters Point. Don't dilute us.

Roger Brandon clarify the maps you prefer. In District 5 UC Med Center moves from 7. Boundary of 3 moves from Leavenworth to Van Ness. Please comment on what direction you want.

Dick Millet Latinos 17%, White 15%, Asian and Black are bigger. Can we afford to cut Potrero off from 10. I'd cut it off at 101. It's a hard barrier. We can't lose the minorities.

Emil Quesada reiterate N. Mission should stay in 6. West border in terms of community of interest take it to Delancy Street.

Rick Browning I represent the building trades. Your action in District 11 helps working families. Keeps their political voice.

Ms. Gershman my opinion changes create ballot confusion.

Binta Leighton works in Bayview/Hunters Point, add Portola, cut Potrero. Important matters to Bayview not shared with Potrero Hill. District 10 is Bayview and Portola. Our issues can be adequately addressed.

Judith Blackwell remove Potrero from 10. Shrinking African American community in SF. 6.6% African American in the city. 10 years ago it was 22%. Preserve this voting bloc.

Chris Bowman ongoing saga of Potrero Hill and Bayview/Hunters Point. Census logs in Potrero among families 1/3 have children. 2/3 in Bayview have children. Nature of families, In Potrero Hill 21.8% are headed by women. 58.68% in Bayview are headed by women. Rather glaring.

Jim Fabris association of SF realtors. Potrero Hill into 6 compelling reason a community of interest. Both affected by planned development.

Sululagi Palega I've changed my mind, I'm in favor of moving Potrero out of 10. Keep Portola in 10. Shared interests-schools, families. We need our own identity.

III. Map-Making Process

Craig Item 3 return to map-making process. Pick up where we left off. Consultants prepared data of where we left off last night.

Cheng can we summarize resolutions for newcomers. Nothing set in stone. Potrero Hill in 10. Adopted MALDEF map a base, adopted District 11 council map as a base for District 11, District 9 boundary is 17th Street.

Bisho we also voted to keep East boundary of 7 the same. District 8 up to Glen Park.

Cheng I'm not clear if all of us are clear on implications of other districts on decisions we made last night.

Bruce Cain with resolution last night we went to District 11 council lines. A problem with plan lines are outside the +/- 5% deviation.

Bisho if you move Portola in 9 you get 2 districts in equal population.

Cain no, but we get closer, except in 10. You can take 8 into border of 9 and absorb 9, 10 can give more of Portola to 9. We're not talking about substantial numbers that would dilute groups.

Diana Ashton 17th in 9, Potrero Hill in 10 will break up neighborhoods.

Craig additional criteria to go up to 5% as not to dilute either language or ethnic minorities.

Jacobs yes.

Cain can you justify 8 to go over 1%. To keep 9&10 minorities up to 5% it would be a trade-off.

Jacobs if task force made a finding to take 8 up to 5% to protect minorities in 9&10, that can be defended but consider why. Example, if you did it in 2, you would have to clearly justify it.

Cheng question about Portola, how do we keep Potrero Hill and OMI intact and Portola?

Cain take 10 into SOMA if you move Portola to 9. One option trade 8&9, split Bernal Heights. Look for population in SOMA for 10 to make it constitutional. Splitting Portola. But, need to solve constitutional problem, it's a risk.

Cheng We need to look at our legal criteria and priorities. Don't split neighborhoods. What options do we have?

Ashton go back to rulings and change 11. Other option is moving Silver Terrace to 9.

Mecke we past 11 as a base map. Not all lines are set. Can you take Silver to 101 and move District 11 council map further East?

Ashton yes. I'll show you on the screen and unite Portola more into 11. Numbers in 10 over 1% and 11 over 1%, 9 over 5%.

Mecke can we look at North part of MALDEF map for population.

Ashton 3,000 people can be subtracted from 9 and move to 6. 9 under 1%, 6 under 1%.

Craig what does it do to percentages of Hispanic population in 9?

Ashton 9 would be 46.6%, VAP 34.8 Latinos. A 2% decrease of Latinos in the district.

Trasvina MALDEF says it's 44%.

Cain I have serious questions about that data. You should ask the coalition to look at their numbers. Leave it open and check it out.

Mecke by your numbers the Latino VAP decreases by 2% in 9.

Cain for the moment trust my judgement on this. You're interested in relative change, don't let it stop your decisions.

Cheng Can you summarize for us?

Cain first we explored the District 11 council lines. To preserve lines in Potrero Hill and 17th Street and change populations in 10, 9 and 6. We shifted Silver Terrace and put more Portola into 11. You need to make a trade in 10, or revisit the District 11 council map.

Cheng is it making it better for Portola?

Cain I don't know, how much of Portola is split?

Cheng I'm concerned about the impact to the API community.

Ashton currently 33.7% on new map, 32.49 API in 10, but it increases African Americans in 10.

Cheng In 11?

Ashton currently African Americans go from 8.4 to 8.99, API decreases 46.2 to 45.75, and in 9 API goes from 13% to 17.53. Black is even at 3.7

Mecke what district has highest population variation?

Ashton -1% in 1, +4.2 in 10, +3.6 in 11, -2.5 in 2, -3.45 in 3, unch in 4, +4.59 in 5, +0.86 in 6, -.72 in 7, -6.8 in 8, +5.8 in 9.

Leong variance of Latinos in 9.

Ashton Latinos moves from 48 to 46.7.

Mecke city attorney, will a few variances within 5% cause a challenge?.

Jacobs the charter requires max of 1%. 5% for recognized criteria, but you have to justify going to 5%. If you drew a district to preserve a neighborhood, you could argue that was necessary if it goes over 1%.

Trasvina how does it affect the Latino VAP in 11?

Ashton it moves from 25.9 to 25.26

Mecke if you added South on District 11 council map, East boundary Sickles, 280 on West, how would it change Asian population in 11 and overall population?

Ashton over 5000 population and 45.92% Asian.

Mecke Asian VAP?

Ashton 36.09%.

Craig any other data to look at? We'll take a 15 minute recess.

Craig we're back and now we'll reconvene.

Murray request a 5 minute discussion after we receive data to explore alternatives.

Craig with no objections you can.

Ashton Current VAP for minorities are: 10-Lat 11.8, Blk 19.27, API 25.91; 11-Lat 19.25, Blk 6.84, API 36.28; 9-Lat 35.89, Blk 2.94, API 10.72.

Cheng lowering the VAP doesn't help. When we talk about dilution this is what we are talking about.

Craig city attorney what number represents a dilution?

Jacobs satisfy 3 preconditions, then look at totality of population if you go above 1-5% variance to justify plays larger factor.

Bisho What's Mike Harris' opinion on percentages, he's a civil rights attorney.

Mike Harris agree with city attorney on dilution, not happening here.

Cheng we're trying to do a public service, how do we explain to our communities in a way they'll understand what we've done.

Trasvina everyone's doing a tremendous job, but we're moving in the wrong direction. The VAP numbers aren't going up. What about precinct 2002, the Tagalog speaking voters? I thought we agreed to work on this, make some other adjustments. Maybe we can resolve conflicts if we put MALDEF proposal back on the table.

Murray you can't have the District 11 council map and keep Potrero in 10. Plan 2 out of all objectives we failed on 2 moves. But, you keep 15 criteria. 2 failures, you split Russian Hill, don't keep Potrero in 10. We shouldn't let 10,000 people drive a city of 700,000's map. I'm flabbergasted about letting one neighborhood run it.

Bisho we already made a decision last night. If you're making a proposal we need to have a motion made to revisit it.

Murray I'm not suggesting a new proposal, but a second proposal. Why can't we discuss it?

Craig only one possible change, haven't looked at everything yet. Let's look at other areas and see how numbers work.

Murray we're spending a lot of time on this, we can progress by discussing a plan we made by solving 15 out of 18 criteria.

Trasvina we have discussed it. Public expects action with certainty and consistency. We can't be contradictory, let's take the easier route.

Prozan point out VAP in Map 2 increases for everyone. We need to keep neighborhoods intact. Potrero moves to 6 to do this. It's not popular, but we need to move Potrero into 6. It raises VAP of people of color.

Craig we're going into general discussions, we're not map-making. I'm concerned about the pace.

Bisho let's carry on where we were and come back if needed.

Mecke I was drawn by one comment from Supervisor Peskin last night. He said do the right thing. This is a gut-check time. This is a public process. I don't feel comfortable cutting off discussion of issues that are clearly still very contentious. I want to make sure every position is fairly heard and everyone gets a chance to say what they have to say. We need an open process. I make a motion for Plan 2 to put it into discussion as an option.

Murray second.

Craig What are the numbers for plan 2?

Ashton Plan 2 VAP. 9-Lat 37.24, Blk 3.07, API 10.91; 10-Lat 12.36, Blk 19.88, API 29.51; 11-Lat 19.31, Blk 7.11, API 35.88.

Donaldson I'm against the motion. We haven't explored our full options. We reached some progress with one scenario, by going to Plan 2 we're back tracking. Why can't we just discuss taking Potrero out of 10 and moving the District 11 map?

Leong favor of motion, Prelim Map 2 is a better start and easier to work with.

Cheng right approach to use it as an option.

Bisho let's not reconsider it. We voted, let's move on. Let me explain my vote. I attended the Bayview and Potrero Hill meetings without any preconceived notions and I learned about their community of interest. I urge the task force to move on.

Murray two alternatives work better at the same time. It's valid for comparisons.

Trasvina respect all colleagues. We have less than 100 hours. If we stay in session all the way through to our deadline we'll never finish. We don't have to put Plan 2 on table to keep our discussion open.

Craig I express confusion and frustration over what a Map 2 discussion means.

Murray let's continue working on this plan and tomorrow look at Map 2 for comparison.

Mecke I'm advocating for the public process. Map 2 should be a base map and be open for discussion. I suggest we visit Plan 2 tomorrow.

Bisho I'd amend it to not cut Potrero and Bayview in 10.

Mecke I'm talking about opening the process more. Consider something that can be more viable.

Cheng does this mean we'll have 2 options at the end.

Mecke we'll develop them concurrently.

Murray I amend to defer Plan 2 discussion tomorrow.

Donaldson it sounds attractive on the surface, but it really means we'll rescind our vote on East lines of 7 and the District 11 Council plan, and Potrero in 10. We should just vote now.

Murray to clarify it's not rescinding our previous resolution, it's introducing a second alternative.

Prozan call to question.

Craig I'm still unclear as to what we're voting on, but we'll open to public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sululagi Palega thank you commissioners for revisiting this issue. It's a public issue and public comments are important.

Bisho why did you change your mind?

Palega people don't want to be held accountable to Potrero Hill.

Dorothy Peterson why no meetings in Bayview/Hunters Point? Not interested in Bayview/Hunters Point residents' opinions. Don't want to be tied to Potrero Hill.

Judith Blackwell Mecke showed courage to make the motion. It's not about quickness, it's a journey toward truth.

Dick Millet I'm disappointed and I smell a rat. This is political muscle and someone's being leaned on. I'm disappointed Bayview doesn't like Potrero Hill after we've helped them.

Frederick Hobson appreciate Mecke's innate sense of fair play.

Shelley Bell thanks Murray for bringing issue of a second alternative. If you had meetings in the Bayview it could've saved time.

Susan Horsfall look back at 1995, we were hungry for public input.

Chris Bowman commend Mecke. He listened to compelling information. It's an open book right now. By fine-tuning both maps gets you best 2 proposals to review.

Ray Vitale shocked that you'll revisit a vote you made Monday. You have had public comment all along. Now you say more public comment is needed.

Claire McGhee Russian Hill doesn't want to be in 2, keep Russian Hill whole. Chinese on Russian Hill prefer to be in District 3.

Steve Conley from 6. My feedback is Potrero Hill could add value to 6. Move it as a whole.

Susan Bryan consider Map 2.

Myrna Lim District 11. Filipinos and working class belong in 11 not 7. They have absolutely nothing in common with district 7. Their homeowners, we're not. We're working class people we belong in district 11.

Cheryl Towns Bayview/Hunters Point. I've been to meetings in Bayview and Potrero Hill. Our issues are East of freeway. Don't take Potrero out of 10.

Trasvina question. The survey of District 10 residents asked what neighborhood you would exclude, 16.7% said Potrero Hill. What do you think people want to exclude? What's your sense?

Towns can't answer that.

Scott Moore look at what's good for city for the next 10 years. Plan 2 is a good place to start.

Mike Harris express what you're undertaking is foolhardy. It's too difficult to analyze 2 plans. Scorecard is flawed.

Diane Chin over reliance on a scorecard is a problem.

Pauline Peele at neighborhood meetings we had many members from Bayview.

Bill Barnes the number of African Americans in 10 under Plan 2 are lower than Asian Americans in Plan 2. In Plan 1 Asians and African Americans are equal. Plan 2 may not be the way.

Steve Currier the minorities go up in Plan 1. Support a revisit of Plan 2.

Mary Harris it's a good motion. It meets the criteria.

John deCastro I guess the Bayview first shift is carrying less weight than the second shift. The community has a difference of opinion.

Doug Comstock tough decision Monday night. I was proud, now I'm not. Forget Plan 2.

(Gwenn Craig has left the meeting, not feeling well)

Trasvina let's take a roll call vote.

Motion 4/10/02-1 To put plan 2 on table as option for discussion.

Y – Cheng, Leong, Mecke, Murray, Prozan 5

N – Trasvina, Donaldson, Bisho 3

Craig absent

Trasvina the motion passes, 5-3.

Cheng scenarios comment.

Myrna Lim Silver Terrace can move, but PCT 2002 needs to stay in 11.

Cain recommend taking back Portola, move 10 North into 6.

Donaldson Diane Chin explain your solution to action last night.

Diane Chin Bring Southern area of 11 down. Take back a few blocks and give to 10.

Chris Bowman recommend split in 11 at reservoir.

Ashton 9 will have to absorb population and pick up from 11.

Trasvina city attorney we reached above 1% legal justification in neighborhoods we discussed.

Jacobs adding areas that reunite neighborhoods is grounds to stand on.

Prozan move 9 North to 16th Street. What affect?

Ashton 5.33% population variance.

Prozan we'll leave border at 17th for now. But we should go to 16th Street BART.

Cheng let's look at uniting USF neighborhood in District 1.

Prozan what affect of Asian VAP in 1?

Ashton it's 36.26 vs. 36.79 before change.

Prozan add the law school boundaries.

Doug Comstock don't cut St. Mary's from 5.

Ashton deviation at 5%.

Bisho cut 7 at Lawton, move border of Sloat to Vicente. That takes Stern Grove and Crestlake Properties.

Ashton 7 is over and 4 is under.

Bisho go South of 19th Ave. for 4.

Ashton 7 is 10.7 under, 4 is over 3%.

Trasvina What are VAP numbers for new 7?

Ashton 7-Lat 6.08 to 6.08, Blk 3.07 to 3.19, API 26.16 to 26.65.

Trasvina is there a packing problem in 4?

Ashton prior to move in 4-Lat 3.88, Blk 1.01, API 43.02, after Lat 3.87, Blk 1.03, API 43.16.

Gillespie regarding the District 4 meeting, 12 speakers spoke and unanimously agreed to keep district lines as they are.

Murray speak on SOMA. Argue against moving 4th Street East to waterfront into 3. 10 years from now they'll have different issues. Where are we on District 3 population?

Ashton 3 under 3.5%, District 2 needs to add 2000 residents.

Leong where short 2000. What if we moved Lake St. boundary South to California to Arguello?

Ashton it brings 2 to 1.17 over and 6 under .79.

Cheng look at 5 uniting Hayes Valley.

Ashton District 5 is now 10.23 over and 6 is under 6.83.

Prozan take out inner sunset from 5 and see how it looks.

Doug Comstock add Hayes Valley don't need inner sunset. Keep Japantown and Western Addition.

Ashton 5 now over 2.79, 7 over 3.28.

Mecke corner of 8 into 6. 17th and Dolores into 6.

Ashton 6 under 5.31, 8 under 8.56.

Prozan adopt Chair's vision for 8 including Diamond Heights and Duboce Triangle and Southern part of Glen Park.

McDonald difficult to move puzzle and put into another puzzle to go in order .

Ashton 8 -5.62, 5 +2.03

McDonald Hayes Valley border on both sides of Hayes, Fulton, Franklin, N. of Market, East of Webster.

Scott Moore part of Buena Vista in Hayes Valley.

Murray approach idea of using this working map as a draft for tomorrow.

Mecke I make a motion to save this version, plus work on kinks by consultant, 2 maps to look at.

Prozan second.

Murray what are the biggest problems?

Ashton District 5 is -8.21, 6 is -5.31, 10 is +4.51, 11 is +4.63.

Trasvina tomorrow we'll have this map and all the percentages.

Murray let's authorize staff to reserve rooms for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, authorize budget for costs not to exceed \$2000.

Prozan second.

Trasvina public comment.

Chris Bowman you might have a situation where location changes after everyone is seated. It happened to us and we almost had a riot.

Doug Comstock concerned about public notice.

Scott Moore have maps for public handouts of new versions.

Trasvina voice vote.

Motion 4/10/02-2 To reserve meeting rooms for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday and allocate funds not to exceed \$2000 for staffing.

Motion passes unanimously.

Trasvina we'll recess until 6:30PM, April 1 in Room 263.

Recessed at 1AM.

April 10, 2002 Regular Meeting Re-Convened on April 11, 2002 at 6:30PM in Room 263.

Call to order by Gwenn Craig at 6:45PM

Elections Task Force: Cheng, Craig, Murray, Bisho, Prozan, Mecke, Donaldson, Leong, Trasvina
Consultants: Karin McDonald, Diana Ashton

Elections Staff: Leah Hooker, Elise Johnson, Parrish Spisz

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Craig we were recessed last night so we'll continue where we left off. Since I was not present for the end of last night, I'll let Commissioner Trasvina summarize.

Trasvina welcome back. We made progress last night. A number of discussions on base maps. Where do we go from here? No votes taken, no motions made. Just discussion. Overnight consultants put comparisons of base map as it started including last night's discussion.

Craig there'll be an opportunity for public comment later. Room 250 is set up as an overflow room. There are translators available in Spanish, Russian and Chinese.

Murray we have a desire to continue working , consider starting on last night's agenda.

Cheng do we need to set times to discuss other items?

Mecke I agree with Murray that we finalize first map before we move on.

Trasvina if we're still on last night's agenda we can't adjourn until we finish agenda.

Cheng we should set a timeframe.

Mecke we should just keep working until we're done.

Trasvina we've invited the public and we can't limit their time.

Craig let's have consultants give us a report on last night's work.

Ashton moves were made on the Southern border of 11, move PCT 2002 from 7 to 11, push back border of 4 to Wawona into 7, District 1, move Lake St. border South to California. Incorporating all of Lone Mtn. area, District 5 incorporate all of Hayes Valley, 7 and 5 moved North from Kirkham to Judah, border of 8 down to 17th Street, 9 border moved to 17th, 11,9,10 West area of districts meet. Districts 1 under 3.28, 2 over .29, 3 under .35, 4 under 3.21, 5 over 2.03, 6 under 5.31, 7 over 3.28, 8 under 5.62, 9 over 2.59, 10 over 4.95, 11 over 4.63.

Mecke take District 4 to original MALDEF line.

Ashton let me show you the changes I made it includes that. 1 under 3.28, 2 over .23, 3 under 2.75, 4 over .08, 5 over 1.33, 6 under 3.9, 7 under 4.45, 8 over .56, 9 over 3.72, 10 over 3.47, 11 over 4.97.

Prozan asks for a visual of how maps compare.

Mecke concerned about cutting through Valencia. Let's move line to 9.

Bisho move line from Sloat to Wawona to see how numbers change.

Ashton 4 is at -2.92, 7 is -1.44.

Cheng can we look at extending 3 a few blocks South.

Donaldson down to Geary.

Ashton 3 is +2.97, 6 is -9.62.

Mecke we could amongst ourselves think of some scenarios to present.
For myself it's to deal with balancing Valencia corridor. We can focus on that.

Craig if you look at Valencia corridor you'll probably have to make incremental moves.

Mecke is it possible to address 8's issues by going further into 7 at border?

Prozan consider North part of 8.

Mecke I'm open to it.

Craig North of 8 goes to Waller?

Ashton yes.

Prozan NE Parnassus Heights.

Donaldson with respect to 8 and 9, part of 8 should go up to Valencia and 9 the rest.

Craig shift back to Guerrero at 17th Street to Cesar Chavez, put in 8.

Ashton 8 is +2.21 and 9 is +2.07.

Cheng audience might not understand what we're doing. We should have a timeframe for them to speak.

Mecke I think with our deadline looming we need to work on this.

Prozan agree with Mecke.

Mecke the District 6 issue being under, move back the District 3 line.

Donaldson too much of a disparity, it should move back.

Ashton 6 is -6.91.

Mecke What's the largest variance right now?

Ashton 11 is +4.97.

Craig have we split neighborhoods in districts over 11?

Ashton district 1 splits Jordan Park and Laurel Heights, 3 splits Russian Hill and Downtown, 4 splits Pine Lake and Outer Parkside, 5 splits Lower Pacific Heights and Inner Sunset, Hayes Valley, 6 splits Financial District, Inner Mission, Potrero Hill, 7 splits Inner Sunset, Parkside, PineLake, Ingleside, 8 splits Inner Mission, Ashbury Heights, Hayes Valley, 9 splits Portola, 10 splits Inner Mission, Portola, Potrero Hill, Crocker Amazon, 11 splits Ingleside Heights, Crocker Amazon and Excelsior.

Craig I suggest this, we keep focused on equal population and keeping neighborhoods whole. Can the city attorney answer distinctions in split neighborhoods?

Jacobs charter says keep intact recognizable neighborhoods, doesn't say by whom. For example, Japantown and Pacific Heights. Testimony states recognized borders of Japantown, something in the record that states recognizable boundaries.

Trasvina what is the principle to keep intact already split?

Jacobs if you have legal justification to split to keep within variance.

Bisho we agreed to review 2 maps, let's close this one and start another.

Mecke disagree. The realtor map is just trying to sell things. The realtors map is troublesome to use as a criteria. We can't leave map the way it is. The job is half done.

Craig if we have split neighborhoods we'll have to look at VAPs.

Murray the reality is we've been using the map, but the boundaries we're talking about are on borders.

Mecke city attorney how does community of interests play into neighborhoods?

Jacobs situation where you're going above 1% variance, only can look at diluting minorities or splitting neighborhoods. Can't reflect every community of interest, but some will satisfy charter.

Mecke your reference for argument of defining neighborhoods?

Jacobs neighborhoods are defined by the record.

Donaldson concern of splitting Hayes Valley at Duboce Triangle and Waller, we shouldn't be splitting Hayes Valley.

Craig we might look at making some minor adjustments. You mentioned that a small piece of Mission Dolores was in 6. Can we move that into 8?

Ashton 8 is now at -.28.

Mecke what percentage is worthwhile in census blocks?

McDonald you have to look at split neighborhoods.

Ashton district 3 could move South in Financial District not to split it up. 3 is -3.99 and 6 is -2.44.

Prozan Hayes Valley should be in 5 not 6.

Mecke 6 is 5% under, population has to come from somewhere. Move North then. Move 3 West to reunite Russian Hill.

Donaldson problem I see to unite Russian Hill would reduce VAP of Asians in 3.

Craig what about along waterfront?

Ashton move Treasure Island into 3 or 10?

Mecke Treasure Island into 3 and see what happens.

Cheng 3 doesn't need more people.

Mecke trade Jones St. to 6 and take a census block on Russian Hill to 3.

McDonald 6 is at -3.73, 3 is at -2.7.

Mecke take Green and Leavenworth and see what happens.

McDonald 3 is -1.12, 2 is -1.65 and 3's Asian VAP is 41.07.

Mecke border of 6 and 10, if we move 17th and Mariposa census block to 6.

McDonald 6 is -3.19 and 10 is +2.9.

Cheng people on Treasure Island feel in sync with 6.

Craig move 17th and Mariposa census block back, it doesn't give us any numbers we need.

Murray wondering if we set up a time for public comment.

Bisho how far are we? We seem close.

Murray maybe the public has some ideas.

Trasvina let's go to public comment. People have been waiting

Jacobs need a motion to adopt changes for public comment or adjourn this meeting and start over to get public comment.

Prozan I think we need to hear from the public. I make a motion to adjourn and start next meeting at 9:15PM.

Leong second.

Craig unanimous vote. We'll adjourn.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

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I. Call to order and Roll Call:

Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 9:30PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, John Murray, Rebecca Prozan

Task Force Redistricting Consultant: Karin McDonald, Diana Ashton

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Parrish Spisz, Leah Hooker, Elise Johnson

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Agenda-Elections Redistricting Task Force Meeting, 4/11/02 at 6:30PM.
- Community Feedback Comments
- Map Version as of 4/9/02

II. Public Comment

Craig open for public comment.

Helen Williams keep District 11 as it is now.

Regina Blosser don't take OMI out of District 11.

Dwayne Justino Portola. I'm incensed at the map. You need to move Potrero Hill. Look at map? It feels punitive to our community that we're in Districts 9, 10 and 11.

Bill Carlin don't split Portola. Nothing in common with Districts 9. Potrero Hill belongs in District 6. Leave Portola alone.

Joe Julian president Filipino Democratic Club, commend the commission. You value diversity and integrity of neighborhoods. Support the direction you're going.

Stafford Parker live in District 6, don't break it up.

James Collins by splitting districts it'll hurt city in general elections.

Daphne Benson keep N. Mission in District 6. Think about how this will affect everyone.

David Delgado keep N. Mission in District 6. South Beach around 3rd St. and waterfront doesn't mix with District 6.

Jim Salinas on behalf of District 9 hope you've heard from us. Pushing for Plan 2.

Prozan boundaries for District 9.

Salinas Duboce to Cesar Chavez, Plan 2 is closest.

Cesar Henry don't have a Supervisor to talk to in District 11.

Darcus Thomas echo Mr. Henry's comments. In the OMI we're together. Don't cut OMI.

Ray Vitale applaud the work you're doing. Issue of Hayes Valley. How can it go beyond Webster?

Michael Goldstein echo the fact of appreciation. April 10 map look at 18th and 24th and Mint Hill. Map 2 breaks up more communities of interest.

Sylvia Lynch Map 2 divides communities of interest. Endorse MALDEF with tweaks. Potrero in 10.

John Osaki from Japantown. Support Japantown in 5.

Aimee Patten reject Map 2. Move North boundary in 6 from Sutter to Post. West move to Laguna and add Polk Gulch.

Carig define Polk Gulch.

Patten I can't.

Jim Andrew opposed to taking Russian Hill out of District 3 and into District 2. Plan 2 balkanizes districts and gives reason to do away with district elections. Don't use dilution requirement as a political football.

Anthony Sacco support Plan 2.

Doug Comstock congratulations we have a working map. Don't like St. Mary's being split from District 5.

Ellen Spertus District 8, alarmed by Map 2. Don't consider my area West of Twin Peaks.

Frederick Hobson District 6 Democratic Club. Map keeps north border of District 6 at Sutter and includes Potrero Hill. Loses Cathedral Hill.

Pauline Peele Bayview. Reiterate in favor of Plan 1, opposes Plan 2. Potrero and Bayview and Vis Valley work together. Portola hasn't helped.

Greg Freeman District 10. Map 1 is concise. Map 2 chops too much.

Tab Buckner salute your hard work. Move 8 north.

Rebecca Silverberg for Royce Vaughn. OMI Business League, keep OMI intact in District 11.

Edward Hatter you've listened. Map 1 works. Don't take Potrero out of District 10.

Espanola Jackson I hear people in Bayview/Hunters Point didn't know the meetings were going on. I don't know where they were. Keep Potrero Hill in District 10.

Anthony Faber live in District 6. Potrero Hill and Bayview are different. So are Potrero Hill and District 6. Housing style, same with Potrero Hill and Bayview, apartments in District 6. Homeownership higher in Potrero Hill and Bayview, low in District 6.

Amie Fishman live in District 9. Alarmed by Map 2. No Mission must stay in District 6.

William Duffy District 6 in last map meets most criteria. Keeps N. Market together. N. Mission in District 6. District 3 minimal racial dilution.

Sam Dodge don't put Potrero Hill in same district as Tenderloin.

Perry Lanza Bay View supports Plan 1, opposed to Plan 2 as it relates to District 10 Potrero Hill and Bay View. Light rail makes it cohesive.

Herbert Peneschevitz live in outer Mission District 11, stay in District 11.

Enola Maxwell keep Potrero Hill in District 10. We have a lot in common. We've been working together.

Dan Dodt Bay View resident. Urge you to follow outline in Plan 1. Split Potrero Hill and Bay View will marginalize Bay View and Vis Valley.

Michael Hamman Bay View reasons why Potrero Hill and Bay View are linked. Convert old industry into new industry, environmental problems, development, face some challenges.

Richard Knee examine, misstated that Potrero Hill wants to be in District 2. Potrero Hill wants to be in District 3 from all testimony.

Ken Monteiro Bay View argue you keep Plan 1 with Bay View and Potrero Hill together. You want people to work together.

James Meko SOMA, Do no harm. Plan 2 makes Tenderloin irrelevant.

Joe Boss do the right thing.

Robert Haaland live in District 5, displeased with Map 2. Don't want Potrero Hill out of District 10.

Terezinha Jusino urge you to keep Portola in District 10. Don't see Potrero Hill helping families.

Steve Currier support Plan 2. With tweaks in District 11 will make it great.

Alexis Gonzales District 9. Consider census block between Guerrero and Valencia.

Trasvina recommend?

Gonzales move census blocks into District 9 at 26th St.

Linda Richardson Bay View – 100 people from Bay View who came to speak but had to leave. This process is too long for some to endure. Portola needs to remain in District 10. Plan 2 represents Bay View better.

Betty Traynor we didn't have community input in 1995. Support Plan 1 and changes in District 6 of N. Mission to Guerrero.

Chris Muhammad Bay View supports Plan 2. Potrero Hill interest aren't in harmony with Bay View. We appreciate people who help us on environmental issues.

Susan Lew keep District 9 N. Boundary at 17th. and allow the Latino community to remain in the Portola area in District 11. Should adopt the coalition map.

Pat Murphy live in the Tenderloin, District 6, favors Plan 1. Plan 2 diminishes District 6 voting power. Potrero Hill has different interests.

Dorothy Peterson H.P. – Things in common, affordable housing money went to Esprit. I'm in favor of Plan 2.

Rich Ow favor Plan 1 (from District 3), wants square compact districts.

Gayle Smith Bay View, support Plan 1, unique collaboration with Potrero Hill.

Sululagi Pelega District 10, support Plan 2. Let Bay View make its own decision.

Ruth Picon live in Mission, District 9. Support Plan 1. Keep Potrero Hill and Bay View in District 10.

Craig we're on item III approval of minutes.

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Murray we can do this later, move to item 5.

Craig Item 5 move district lines to adopt new maps.

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Donaldson Last night discussion was about the difference in Dist 10 and 6. I think the changes that are to be presented goes beyond what we have discussed.

Bisho I believe we have solved all the problems in the couple of days. I just don't want to waste my time going over this one issue.

Murray little over 24 hours I made a motion. My point was if you start by freezing Portrero hill in district 10, we wont solve the problems throughout the city. I pleaded for an alternative. I proposed Plan 2, but what about it makes it meet our objectives. We should try to reach all of our guidelines. I put together some changes without having to spend too much time. Then we can comment and discuss before proceeding.

Trasvina just have to express my frustrations on what process are we taking?

Murray I was hoping to save time by taking Plan 2 and looking at known issues and making the changes before we discuss and get feedback.

Donaldson I thought we'd consider Plan 2 not Murray's plan.

Murray in the interest of time I put together a list of changes to consider.

Trasvina this goes beyond what we discussed.

Cheng this maybe an attempt to help us move the process along. Maybe it's more than what we expect, but just look at Plan 2 as is without Murray's changes.

Mecke let's have a discussion. We adopted our base map, but I am Ok hearing what Murray has to say.

Cheng I think we should decide on whether we should look into Murray's presentation.

Donaldson not casting aspersions on the motion, I am opposed to moving Potrero Hill out of District 10. Plan 2 does that. We're close to qualifying the April 10th map (as a real map). I think we are wasting time in discussing plan 2.

Mecke we can listen to Murray. Nothing is a waste of time. It was motion that was voted 5 to 4 last night.

Craig Murray has spent time and consideration on this. We can respect him.

Craig I think we should give Murray 5 minute for his map and extend it if we have time.

Mecke I think we should give him more than 5 minutes for he has put a lot of time on it. It's not Murray's map but Plan 2.

Murray (see attached plan) just show plan 2 and the proposed changes as they are. District 1 is +2.31%, District 2 is -3.09%, District 3 is -4.25%, District 4 is +0.85%, District 5 is +8.59%, District 6 is -5.66%, District 7 is -4.45%, District 8 is -4.85%, District 9 is +4.06, District 10 is +1.9%, District 11 is +7.55% with direction of C.A. keep neighborhoods intact with a 5% variance.

Ashton the Kirkham move back to District 7, can improve District 5 then District 7 to -0.2%, District 5 to +4.16%.

Murray can you give us an idea about how to add back precinct 2002 without going over?

Bowman everything North of Silver transfer over.

Silverberg take out Sickles Corridor.

Murray this is what I was trying to accomplish in 1 hour. We were able to use all components to create a map that was good for the city.

Bisho use Map 1 as our model not this one.

Donaldson second.

Ashton

VAP Dist 1, 4.107%; Dist 2, 023.62%; Dist 3, 4.3%; Dist 4, 3.88%; Dist 5, 6.06%;
Dist 6, 11.55%; Dist 7, 6.2%; Dist 8, 9.9%; Dist 9, 36.7%; Dist 10, 12.36%;
Dist 11, 19.65%

BLK Dist 1, 1.56%; Dist 2, 1.11%; Dist 3, 1.81%; Dist 4, 1.01%; Dist 5, 12.85%;
Dist 6, 10.05%; Dist 7, 3.17%; Dist 8, 3.09%; Dist 9, 3.16%; Dist 10, 19.58%;
Dist 11, 7.07%;

API Dist 1, 36.68%; Dist 2, 11.42%; Dist 3, 42.29%; Dist 4, 43.02%; Dist 5, 12.91%;
Dist 6, 21.13%; Dist 7, 26.62%; Dist 8, 8.33%; Dist 9, 10.67%; Dist 10, 29.76%;
Dist 11, 35.84%

Prozan San Francisco is made up of a lot of things. We've heard from every district. Potrero Hill is important. Keeping Potrero Hill in District 10 at the expense of all other districts is wrong. We should go with this plan.

Donaldson Prozan has talked about how few neighborhood plans were cut with Plan 2. There are cuts inner Sunset, Portola, Crocker Amazon, Agua Vista. Keep Potrero Hill in District 10.

Murray we don't have plan to keep Potrero Hill in District 10 and not split neighborhoods.

Leong speak out against motion. Amended Plan 2 is improvement.

Bisho the plan we've been working on all night has been achieving results. I heard everybody testify that there is a connection between Potrero Hill and Bay View in District 10.

Leong this past week we also heard from residents of Bay View/Potrero Hill we haven't heard from them.

Prozan understand Bisho about Potrero Hill issue, we've also heard from other residents, the Portola. Potrero Hill and Bay View can still work together

Bisho they proved they were a common interest.

Cheng I feel we have gone through a worthwhile exercise. I respect the openness of the process of a plan that met 15 out of 18 criteria.

Murray this was a 24 hour effort. Proves there is more than one way to skin a cat. Tomorrow we make a final decision on any map to proceed and on Saturday make small changes needed.

Craig concern about time in getting to map making. I must say that everything I heard hasn't changed my mind on District 10. The enormity of the issue warrants us to pursue current map.

Murray I appreciate passion and thought in this. Keep my own passions in check as I go through this process. This is a city wide issue. This is not about the politics of a district. If we can keep our criteria and keep Potrero Hill in District 10, I will vote for it. But we get more for everyone if we don't.

Mecke take my cue from Murray. This has been the most gut wrenching process I have participated in. I won't deny someone a discussion, a valid point. I fundamentally believe Potrero Hill belongs in Bay View.

Murray how should we look at VAPS?

Jacobs look at the totality of how it interacts with each other.

Craig clarify interest with each other.

Jacobs look at each district alone, but what does it do to adjoining district.

Murray we are not going to prevail after Mecke's speech. We should summarize and close.

Cheng respect everyone's comments. This experience magnifies for me the process. Best part was to hear from people. My first look at API, but after learning from everyone, I care about all the people.

Trasvina I sense we're coming together. We're all looking out for each other.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Raymond Vitale this is a difficult decision. You won't please everyone.

Bill Carlin Thanks Murray, you tried to create a more balanced map we don't want the 1,000 lb gorilla.

Dwayne Jusno you sit in committees to create something fair and just. Astounded by jurist discounting the rules because they already made up their mind.

Steve Conley difficult decision. Happier with Map 2 but Map 1 is OK.

Sululaga Palega process should have been open, feel there was certain closed minds.

Frederick Hobson disappointed that elements of Plan 2 won't help District 6.

Michael Hammam thank you for allowing our neighborhood to remain.

Pauline Peele thank you for allowing us to continue our hard work in District 10.

Greg Freeman do the right thing.

Enola Maxwell you spent time crying and whining.

Edward Hatter we need the whole community to take care of clean ups.

Steve Currier Murray, Amen.

Shelley Bell Bay View and Potrero Hill would still work together without District elections. Plan 2 would be better.

Dorothy Peterson don't dilute the black vote. Potrero Hill and Bay View work together. This is about not being disenfranchised. Help my vote count.

Tim Kennedy invite you to come to Bay View Rotary on Wednesday mornings.

Linda Richardson thank you Murray for enlightening the process.

Doug Comstock over 100 neighborhoods, every one has problem not just Potrero Hill and Bay View. I hope the public can see the new map that we will be working with.

Robert Haaland so much left to do. Keep N. Mission in District 6.

Richard Marquez applaud decision to be made. Potrero Hill is different than 6th St.

Christine Olaque concern was District 6 losing n. Mission, if we get Potrero Hill. Thank you for your decision.

Bill Barnes people say they are frustrated by lack of African Americans but hope that energy can be used to elect African American in city.

Scott Moore work is just beginning.

Chris Bowman Amen, way more than one choice. Be cognizant to not tweak maps, to give advantage to incumbents or non-incumbents, reflect city as much as possible.

May Harris Potrero Hill and Bay View work together.

Murray took an opposition to be heard, propose to remove my map and have Bisho withdraw his motion.

Bisho withdraw motion.

Craig prepare to recess, resume tomorrow @ 5:00PM at RM400

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Trasvina when can we have realistic maps.

McDonald by Monday.

Craig recessed at 1:40AM

Minutes of the

San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting Special Meeting

City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400

APRIL 12, 2002 AT 5:00 P.M.

I. Call to order and Roll Call:

The meeting was reconvened by Task Force Chair Gwenn Craig at 5:20 p.m.

Elections Task Force Members Present: David Bisho, Claudine Cheng, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, Quintin Mecke, John Murray, Rebecca Prozan, John Trasvina

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Elise Johnson, Leah Hooker, Gene Tom

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- "2nd Revised Notice of Meeting", Thursday, April 11, 2002 (3 pp.)
- "Proposed San Francisco Supervisorial Districts...through 4/11/02" (3 pp.)
- "San Francisco Supervisorial Districts – Current Districts" (2 pp.)
- "Redistricting...& Elections Task Force Budget Considerations...4-11-02" (1 pg.)
- "Draft Accounting of Task Force on Redistricting Expenses...04/08/02" (2 pp.)
- "Current Districts" (population chart) (1 pg.)
- "VAP Numbers...4/11/02" (population chart) (1 pg.)
- "Community Feedback Comments" (file folder with three 1 pg. letters: New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, Inc.; Chinese American Democratic Club; VVGVCDC)

(CONTINUATION OF ITEM 5. FROM APRIL 11, 2002 TASK FORCE MEETING)

Gwenn Craig: our meeting of last night was recessed, and we're starting up with that agenda where we left off, which was in the midst of the discussion about the proposed maps and map-making that we had done to date. We will be continuing with that discussion and any related actions that we need to take. During the recess, the technical consultants have put together a map of the changes discussed during last night's meeting as well as the resulting statistics. We'll take a look at that now.

Karin Mac Donald (technical consultant): handouts with two new maps have been created incorporating the changes from last night, both titled 'proposed 4/11/02'. Still need to straighten out some statistical issues, but the current districts and the statistics accompanying the map changes from last night are now available.

Gwenn Craig: had thought that we had ended last night with at least one district that still needed to be brought under 5%, but from these statistics in this handout it appears that everything at this point is at least under 5%. Is that correct, Ms. Mac Donald?

Karin Mac Donald: it looks like it, yes.

Gwenn Craig: we have some work cut out for us today in terms of looking at boundary lines, whether there is anything we need to clean up, move, whether we will adhere to the changes made yesterday or adjust further. As we know, the only way we are allowed to justify any district's deviation being in excess of 1%, up to 5%, is based on two criteria: keeping neighborhoods intact, or avoiding dilution of the voting strength of protected minority groups. We need to ensure we have met those criteria in each of these districts. We did some analysis yesterday on what neighborhoods are split in what districts and the resultant voting age population numbers. One suggestion has been that we continue working in that method, of going through each district where neighborhoods are split and examining what the actual situation is and what justification there is should the situation remain that way. Another suggestion has been that we instead examine what the map would look like if everything were in compliance with the 1% rule, and then work from there to look at changing toward where we ended as represented in this present map, adjusting to unite neighborhoods or restoring voting strength represented in those districts. This is thus a matter of discussion or decision on our part as to which way we will organize our work tonight, if our goal will be to maintain the 1% variance unless the criteria set forth in the Charter are met.

David Bisho: agree we should try to stick to 1%, almost as our number one item now, besides not dividing neighborhoods. Method by which we progressed yesterday, with Commissioner Mecke going item-by-item right around the map starting from the top right, is the best way. There is more flexibility on the left side of the map than there is with the other districts. So, recommend we carry on where we were.

Gwenn Craig: but carrying on where we were is not quite the same as keeping everything to 1%. What's meant by that is we make drastic changes to this map and then work back to where we are now. That's a big choice for us as to whether we feel that is the most productive, efficient, cleanest way to do it so that the record is very clear what our intention was and what we did in moving above 1%.

Claudine Cheng: seems from the stats that we are quite far away from 1% in a number of the districts.

Gwenn Craig: yes, if we look over at 'totalpop/deviation/deviation %'.

Rebecca Prozan: how does the Chair propose getting to that goal?

Gwenn Craig: if we were to utilize the second method described, the consultants will prepare a map showing everything at 1%. However, such a map will look radically different than the one before us now. We do not want to alarm people into thinking we intend to remain with such a map. Rather, our intention is to get back to where we are now. Just so people understand that such a map does not represent what we have started out with here today.

Claudine Cheng: thought we had started out having adopted working up to 5% to give ourselves maximum flexibility.

John Murray: in order to have that flexibility, we either have to be undertaking a larger than 1% deviation for the purpose of increasing voting power of racial minorities or to maintain neighborhoods, and I think what we'll find as we examine this matter is that we have some issues there because the changes we're making may not achieve either of those goals, which would then obligate us to try to get closer to 1%, or under 1%.

John Trasvina: would it make sense to evaluate why we're at above 1% in each district where that is the case, see if there is a rationale, and if there is, leave those as possibly at over 1%, and not spend the time bringing them down to 1% only to then say there are issues in those districts and we can bring them back up. Where there is a rationale, we can say we're satisfied that it's at 5% and then move on to, and only make further action in, those districts where there is no rationale.

Quintin Mecke: agree with Commissioner Trasvina but also curious to see the consultant's version of the 1% map just to see that as a variance. Not that we have to go down that road; we can time limit it; not suggesting we spend all night on it. I'd just rather have that information to at least be able to look at it.

Karin Mac Donald: we don't actually have a version of a 1% map yet. Talking about a procedural change: rather than looking at these maps and trying to figure out how to bring the 5% down to 1% if there's no justification, instead go to 1% and go up only in those districts where there is a justification under the Charter: the two reasons of recognized neighborhoods and not diluting minority voting power.

Quintin Mecke: looking at the deviations right now, we have work ahead of us to continue to move some blocks before we do an analysis. Don't think an analysis right now would behoove us and would not be accurate as to the work we need to put into this.

John Murray: the Chair is leading down this path because we have to know, as we make these additional moves, whether we're moving towards 1% or moving towards 5%. That's the problem: if we don't decide that now, there really isn't constructive use of our time.

Diana Ashton (technical consultant): we could start with the map you're looking at now, and perhaps that would help. Will start with district 10 because the border has been secure with Potrero Hill in 10, so that border between 10 and 6 can't move. Or it could move blocks, and the Task Force could consider that later. So we're start there and work our way down. 10 could give and take with 9 and 11. 10 is over 2,000. 11 is over 3,000. 9 is over 3,000. So there's not a lot of giving and taking among those three. One suggestion: take 9 down into 10 and take more of the Portola. Between the two of those, can equal out their equations to be around 1%. As to 11, the western border of 11 to 7 is part of the OMI, and from the community testimony it would appear that this border is not someplace where 11 and 7 can give. If the Task Force were to give there, it would be a change that hasn't previously been discussed, although it could be possible. As to the possibility of taking 9 up into 6 and 10 up into 9, that actually doesn't work out when you start dealing with 1, 2, and 3, because 6 is going to be way under by the time you get around the map and 6 is going to need to take something at that point. As to 7 and 4, putting 4 down to Sloat is

something that easily could be done. If then use the method of 9 and 10 working together, and 11 and 7 working together, the issue becomes where to cut 11. As to the border of district 1 and 2, it could either go up to Lake Street or down to California. When district 1 includes up to Lake, 1 is very close to 1% and not splitting neighborhoods. If 1 moves up into 2, 2 needs to take from 3. If take from 3, 3 needs to take from 6, and 6 can't take. So the other option is to work with 5. Could put JapanTown, currently in 5, into 2, thereby solving some problems, but there was testimony both ways on that and that's an issue that the Task Force will need to discuss. But this is one way to free up some population between 2 and 5, and thus 3 doesn't have to give, and 6 would still have to take. If I were to approach this map, I think the best thing to do is to start with the districts that have definite borders, which seem to be 10, 9, 11, because really cannot move 10, and cannot move 9 since can't go below 17th Street, and Potrero Hill is the border between 6 and 10. So I would say that's the area to start on any map.

Karin Mac Donald: and we can always undo it, we can try it out, see what it looks like, and see if it makes sense to anybody.

David Bisho: so you're suggesting we start on the left side, start with 4 and 7, and move that back to Sloat.

Diana Ashton: that would be the first move, to get 4 and 7 off the table.

David Bisho: suggest we try that.

Gwenn Craig: don't have superimposed here the current map. Clarify for me: have we changed 4 at this point?

Karin Mac Donald: we're changing 4 back to the current boundary, which would get us to 60 people over.

Quintin Mecke: suggest to my fellow Commissioners we trust in the expertise of our consultants. I feel comfortable letting them try out some changes to see how they work out.

Gwenn Craig: sorry, feel comfortable doing what?

Quintin Mecke: feel comfortable continuing as we're doing now.

Karin Mac Donald: district 4 is where we started, with 60 people over.

Gwenn Craig: okay, certainly in compliance there.

Karin Mac Donald: Diana's idea was that we start with district 10 and figure out how 10 can move given that there are a lot of restrictions in that corner.

Diana Ashton: working on giving and taking between 10 and 9. 11 to look dramatically different than it does now. Or could do 10 and 11, and have 9 look dramatically different, except that 9 has that one 17th Street border that doesn't want to move. That's the problem we're all facing.

Quintin Mecke: suggest to fellow Commissioners we need to try a few out and see if they make sense. Hard to theoretically make sense out of them when haven't even seen them yet.

Karin Mac Donald: if 10 were to pick up more of the Portola, in 9, then...never mind.

Gwenn Craig: while you're looking at that, will make one announcement. If anyone in audience, or aware of anyone in audience, who needs translation services, we have translators available for Russian, Chinese, and Spanish speakers. Translators are in the back of the room.

Diana Ashton: by taking those blocks out of 10 and putting them into 9, 10 at 966 people, and by grabbing one more block, 10 at under 1% at that point. Can then move to the next district. 10 currently at 0.9% with 67 people under. Would Task Force like to go to 9 or 11 next?

Gwenn Craig: Commissioner Cheng has a question.

Claudine Cheng: think you did a wonderful job here with the numbers. Just wondering what the percentage split is for the Portola as you've now proposed compared to what is current.

Karin Mac Donald: do you mean in area or in people?

Claudine Cheng: is it more in 9 now than before?

Diana Ashton: currently 9 will have to give because it can't give to the north, so part of it will be going into 11. Actually the majority of it will be going into 11.

Gwenn Craig: the majority of the Portola?

Claudine Cheng: very confused.

Karin Mac Donald: should we just keep trying?

Gwenn Craig: yes, think they will understand it.

Diana Ashton: the second thing for 9, because 9 needs to start giving, is to give along the Valencia corridor, to give a little bit of 8, so 8 will come over a little bit and take a little bit from 9 along that side. I'll show it. If it's not something you're comfortable with, just let me know.

Claudine Cheng: back to the Portola. I'm happy with the numbers you worked out, and know you've asked if I'm referring to percentage of area or whatnot, but I'm just wondering how the split as you have proposed compares to the current split.

Karin Mac Donald: could we just wait until we've moved that border over because it's going to change in ten seconds.

Claudine Cheng: okay, thank you.

Diana Ashton: going to be a decision on splitting neighborhoods at this point, and that's not something that I particularly want to make. At this point we have to start thinking that 9 and 11 are still way over, so we have to consider where the movement of their population should occur.

Karin Mac Donald: basically looking at moving the border between 8 and 9 to the east. Presumably you don't want to go into the Mission area, so we would have to look at going into Bernal Heights. The line right now is on Guerrero, San Jose, and at 24th it goes up to Valencia, so basically we need to move either at San Jose or at Guerrero or at Valencia, toward the east.

Diana Ashton: we could stop now and start completely over with 10. Way that I'm going with this map at this point would be: moving border of 8 a little bit east into 9, then the border of 11 would cut back down to Silver, then 11's border would re-capture everything that 9 has of the Portola--everything 9 has of the Portola would go into 11, then 11 on its western border would cut out these neighborhoods, which are the Merced Heights area. You could also work back starting with 10 and 11 as well.

Quintin Mecke: possible to call this option one, and start with option two being the 10 and 11 situation, and see how that plays out?

(Unidentified Commissioner): Commissioner Mecke, could you also include the 8 and 9 issue in that?

Quintin Mecke: well, since they're all so interrelated, yes.

Karin Mac Donald: could make a copy and try that scenario differently.

Diana Ashton: no matter the scenario, must answer these questions: 10 cannot go north, so it has to give with 11 and 9. The Task Force will have to make some decisions on how 11 and 9 will be going to be cutting with 10.

Quintin Mecke: actually...

Diana Ashton: if you wanted to be at 1%.

Quintin Mecke: glad you clarified that. 10 can move north?

Gwenn Craig: 10 can move north.

Quintin Mecke: 10 can't move south, theoretically.

Diana Ashton: problem is 6 needs population and it can't give. You move 6, you either move it into JapanTown or up north into 2, then you're going to be taking the Tenderloin higher than the Tenderloin where 3 is, then pushing 3 over to the North Beach area and into 2. So can definitely go north.

Gwenn Craig: there's a little area of 2 that's like a little ledge that comes down between 5 and 3, what is that?

Karin Mac Donald: it's Van Ness, Post, and Gough.

Gwenn Craig: if that were to be taken by 6...oh, sorry, are we touching upon somebody's neighborhood? Let me just look at that for a second. I'm not making any suggestions now, if other people have other things they want to look at. Anything else others want to look at?

Claudine Cheng: where's the southern boundary of 3 right now?

Diana Ashton: southern boundary? It's at Polk Street.

Claudine Cheng: thought we took it down to Geary.

Diana Ashton: had to take it back up for some reason.

Claudine Cheng: I see.

Gwenn Craig: anything people want to see in order to get numbers?

John Murray: just looking at district 6. Know we're focused a little more on the southeast, but it seems that where we are is this: you can't go east because there's water, you can't go south because we've defined a boundary at 17th on district 6, if you go west along district 5 you're eroding the Western Addition--which I would personally bring to our attention as a bad thing to do, and so we're going to have a real issue getting 6 up to the right number. As we're looking at the southeast we should be talking about whatever options we have first. So, I'm just inviting people to think about that, because there aren't very many good choices there.

Quintin Mecke: possible to move the southern boundary of 3, to do a block-by-block trade with Russian Hill and the southern border of 3, going one west, one north, trade off between 3 and 6?

John Murray: if we're going to try to do that we should bring up the Asian vote overlay, so that we don't erode Asian votes as you lose those blocks.

Gwenn Craig: a little concerned as to whether this exercise is really getting us there faster, because we're not over 5% at this point, so that's not the issue. And if it would be more productive for us to move back to looking at rationales that we can see for why we are where we are.

Claudine Cheng: I could go for that.

Diana Ashton: like me to return to the map of last night?

Gwenn Craig: from the map of last night? Or keep the changes we've made today? What's your choice, Commissioners?

Diana Ashton: keeping the changes you've made today would put 9 way over.

Gwenn Craig: let's go with the map we started with.

Diana Ashton: so this is a copy of our last map.

Gwenn Craig: in that case, the map numbers that you gave us to start with here are still relevant?

Diana Ashton: yes.

Gwenn Craig: Mr. Jacobs, I continue to have some questions about this issue of the change in the voting age population and what we need to look at in those instances where such changes have occurred. Two questions I have are: what represents a change in deviation, and what represents a change that we need to look at? Is it only that we need to be concerned with dilution of any voting minority that has numbers representing the kind of predominant voting strength in that district? In other words, I don't think we can look at maintaining the voting strength of all voting minority groups in that district, so I don't know that we're looking at whether there is a decrease in any of the groups. To put it another way, if there is a group that represents 1.5% of the population, do we need to be concerned that they go to 1.49%?

Chad Jacobs (City Attorney): again would ask for what purposes are you asking the question.

Gwenn Craig: this is for purposes of satisfying the criteria, not about any voting rights act challenge, because I understand that it would be improbable that in San Francisco the two other criteria necessary to set out a voting rights challenge could be found. Do we look to the Charter, or what do we need to look at?

Chad Jacobs: the idea of going up to the 5% deviation and relying on not diluting the voting power of minorities, you need to look at several factors, and it's going to be a situation where we'll have to sit down with the consultants and look at the areas that cause the deviations to go over. However, whether or not you're talking about...if something is going down, then that's not a situation where you can say we've relied on that to go to the 5% deviation. If it's a mixture, I think we just have to look at the whole map, and just go from there.

John Murray: want to extend your question and see if it will give us something more useful. It seems, as I look at the map, I'm concerned that in districts where there's an opportunity for a particular minority group to elect someone, that we're enhancing their opportunity. So, if we have all these multi-ethnic districts, then by definition everybody can't win. So in district 5 I'm going to be paying attention to what happens to the African American vote. In district 10 I'm going to be paying attention to that. In districts 4 and 3 I'm going to be paying attention to what happens to the Asian vote. And I would suggest that's how we ought to be first measuring it, and if we're having a rationale, if we can improve the Asian voting power in district 3, that's a reasonable rationale even if it diminishes Black voting power in district 3, because we're never going to have a Black representative from district 3, unless they speak Mandarin.

Gwenn Craig: let's just be very clear that the only criteria we have to meet is a non-dilution, not an enhancement.

John Murray: but the rationale for going to a higher level is that we're not diluting it, and enhancing it is certainly not diluting it.

Gwenn Craig: it's certainly great, but it's not a factor we have to look at, whether it goes up, we have to look at whether it goes down.

John Murray: (to Chad Jacobs) if you could respond to that. Do I need to re-phrase the question?

Chad Jacobs: no, no. It's a situation where that's an accurate description, that you need to make sure that you're not diluting, so it's not going down--the minority's ability to elect a representative of their choice is not going down, because you won't be able to justify it.

Gwenn Craig: and how do we determine what criteria should we use to determine which groups we're looking at in each district? If that's a question you need to consult on, you come back to us, but I think it really helps us to move along to this.

Chad Jacobs: think maybe if I can...well, let me think about it.

Gwenn Craig: well, if you want to think about it, it looks like Professor Harris has an opinion.

Professor Harris : think Commissioner Murray is correct and on the right path. The difficulty that's being expressed by the Deputy City Attorney is that all the cases that address this question come up in the context of a Black and White population. All the cases come from the South. And so there have not been any cases that have interpreted this question in the context of multi-racial populations. Because of that, there's no clear-cut answer. If you think about the principles that come from those cases, though, it's generally protecting the power of that minority group to be able to elect a representative of their choice. So if they have only a small plurality, that analysis really does not have much traction. It's only when they're within striking distance of being able to do that, that is, they're the largest plurality or even maybe a majority, that that analysis really makes any sense. The reality is there's no direct caselaw on point to answer that question for you, but I think if you look carefully at the cases, the principle there is to not allow government bodies with an evil intent to deprive minority communities of the opportunity of electing any representative of their choice. Given that, the districts that really come into play here are 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11.

Gwenn Craig: as districts that represent any district that has any possible opportunity to have the voting strength to elect a representative of their own choosing.

Professor Harris: correct. That would be my analysis.

Herbert Donaldson: it occurs to me, with respect to 8 and 9, 9 has to get rid of some population, and 9 also needs to raise the Latino percentage. If we were to put some of Bernal Heights into 8, that might achieve both—get rid of some population and raise the percentage of Latinos.

Gwenn Craig: but we will have split a neighborhood.

Herbert Donaldson: we'll have split a neighborhood, the neighborhood of Bernal Heights.

Professor Harris: an omission on my part, so I wanted to correct my answer. District 1 also should be included in the districts I mentioned, because there clearly is a minority group with a large plurality that's within striking distance.

Gwenn Craig: if this Task Force were to decide we agree with that analysis, then we would be looking at district 1, looking at what happens to the Asian voting age population, being the strongest percentage there, the clearest of having a chance of having the voting strength there to elect a member of their own choosing. And in district 3, again, we would be looking at the Asian VAP. In district 4, looking at the Asian VAP. In district 9, looking at the Latino VAP. In district 10, looking at the African American VAP. And in district 11, looking at the Asian VAP.

John Murray: in district 5 there still needs to be some attention paid to the African American vote. They're not at the same level, but that's a community that's historically been African American, there's still a substantial population there of long standing, and I certainly will be giving consideration to that as we go through our deliberations.

Gwenn Craig: in district 5, the African American VAP has dropped by .75%, so if we accept that analysis, we look for ways that we can improve upon that. I am again at the question of whether we are obligated to look at percentages of less than 1% as something we need to address. Do you feel there is a likelihood we would face legal challenges to a dilution of less than 1%?

Chad Jacobs: perhaps we could take a five minute recess and I could perhaps provide you with some better advice.

Herbert Donaldson: seems to me also what our intent is, if our intent is not to dilute it, but it is somehow diluted to less than 1%, somehow inadvertently diluted to less than 1%, I cannot see that. It really depends on whether we intend to dilute.

Gwenn Craig: sounds like our City Attorney wants to give us some legal advice and is requesting a recess in order to do so.

John Murray: Mr. Jacobs, are you asking us to recess as a group and to go to closed session, or are you going to give the Chair advice?

Chad Jacobs: if I could just talk to the Chair briefly.

Gwenn Craig: why don't we do that, and everyone can take a break.

(RECESS AT 6:09PM)

(RESUMPTION FROM RECESS AT 6:31PM)

Gwenn Craig: we can go back then to looking at areas where we wanted to make changes, then see what those changes do, and then come back and have a more complete picture of what we want to look at in terms of voting age populations and split neighborhoods. But I know there's some other clean-up item areas that members wanted to make, so perhaps we might want to take a look at those and then come back to discussing this once we have those kinds of changes done.

John Trasvina: don't want to delay our progress here, but I'm wondering whether it might be useful if at some point in this discussion we have the professor help us in our work.

Gwenn Craig: Professor, if you wouldn't mind?

Professor Harris: as configured, each of the districts shows a justification for exceeding the 1% deviation: 1 is justified by the preservation of Asian voting strength, 2 by preserving 5, 3 by preserving Asian voting strength, 4 as almost perfect, 5 by preserving neighborhoods, 6 by preserving the surrounding districts 3, 9, and 10, 7 by preserving 4, 8 as under 1% deviation, 9 by preserving Latino voting strength, 10 by preserving neighborhoods and with African American voting strength actually going up, and 11 by preserving neighborhoods.

Gwenn Craig: have we already made changes in 1 to bring it back to its current status? Do we go back up to Lake Street?

Diana Ashton: if do that, 5.14% over.

Bowman Leong: perhaps a way out of the dilemma in 1 is to move Jordan Park to 2?

Diana Ashton: if do that, 1 is at .03% over and 2 at 7.89% under.

Professor Harris: Asian voting age population is not significantly affected, so probably the best place to start is the Lake Street border.

Quintin Mecke: what if we were to take back the last move, put Jordan Park back in 1 and cutting back the west end of SeaCliff?

Diana Ashton: 1 becomes 2.82% over, 2 at 7.67% under.

Gwenn Craig: we need to get the deviations right between 1 and 2 and then see what effect this has on Asian voting rights in 1. Also wish to remind the technical consultants that the Task Force had decided to put St. Mary's Hospital, now in 1, over to 5.

Diana Ashton: with the changes to St. Mary's Hospital going to 5, plus a few other blocks, 1 is at minus 376, equaling .53% under. Asian VAP is at 36.66%.

Professor Harris: now with the district under the 1% deviation threshold, there is no longer the need to resort to any exceptions or rationales.

(Unidentified Commissioner): the current Asian VAP in 1 is at 37.31%.

Gwenn Craig: let's proceed to 2.

Diana Ashton: 2 is 4.79% under.

John Trasvina: isn't our rationale for 2 to keep JapanTown in 5?

Chad Jacobs: can justify keeping JapanTown in 5 as preserving neighborhoods, but also need to look at the effect of other factors.

Gwenn Craig: in 3, the current Asian VAP is 40.34%.

Diana Ashton: discussion of alternatives to get 3 down to less than 1% deviation, including splitting Russian Hill between 2 and 3.

Gwenn Craig: now down to less than 1% deviation, and the Asian VAP becomes 40.96%.

John Murray: let's look at the 6 and 3 boundary and the changes proposed in the Bowman map. Move the southern boundary further south instead of making changes to the waterfront? That way we should be able to fix the population and enhance the Asian VAP.

Karin Mac Donald: wish to clarify, are we now leaving the north waterfront complete, and taking out the three blocks that actually affected the population and putting them back into 3, and now moving down the southern border and trying to pick up population there?

John Murray: yes.

Karin Mac Donald: picking up these blocks brought the Asian VAP up to 41.04%. And we just picked up three or four blocks. The deviation is negative 1.04. And 6 is under 3.81. We could try one more block over to try to go below 1%... okay, we just brought it under, to negative .74%, or 523 people under, and that brings the border to Taylor, Geary, and then to Market. It splits the Downtown neighborhood.

Quintin Mecke: seems that if Downtown can be unified, that would be preferable, but don't want the Tenderloin split up. Hesitant to have that happen to the Tenderloin. Believe we should move of the blocks back to the east, as we can now see that some of Glide Church's properties are being split up by some of these changes.

Karin Mac Donald: district 3 now shows an Asian VAP of 41.04% and a population deviation of 1.03% under. Will attempt to see if the numbers can be improved.

Diana Ashton: taking the Downtown section will actually decrease the Asian VAP. District 3 is now at .65% under with a 40.91% Asian VAP.

Gwenn Craig:

Karin Mac Donald: in 1990, that variable was called 'Asian and Pacific Islander', but this time around the Census separated these two columns so we are sticking with that separation. So if you want to compare it to 1990, you would add these together for the purpose of comparing the statistics of the current districts you'll find just looking at 'Asian'.

Gwenn Craig: but to compare it to the 1990, we should be adding it together?

Karin Mac Donald: if you want to compare API, which is not a variable that the Census reports this time around, you would want to add these two categories.

Gwenn Craig: could you quickly then add these two categories so we can compare it to the current VAP?

Karin Mac Donald: but we don't have 1990. This is basically the same variable.

Gwenn Craig: so when we're looking at current VAP we're looking at 2000?

Karin Mac Donald: correct, in the current districts.

Quintin Mecke: so the changes right now, from the current border, we've gone down one block from Sutter to Post, and we've additionally taken half of the block of Geary. Does that signify a shift either in the population—we're taking blocks that would seem to be predominantly Asian, or we're gaining current blocks—but we're not able to bump up the Asian VAP? So are we fighting a battle that we can't win?

John Murray: thought that at the same time we're trying to get below 1%.

Quintin Mecke: right, but I was wondering, in relation to the Asian VAP, it seems like we're struggling against a population shift.

Gwenn Craig/Diana Ashton: currently we are below 1%.

Quintin Mecke: okay.

John Murray: what is the deviation again for district 3?

Gwenn Craig: currently we are below 1%.

Diana Ashton: with the last move it is .65% under.

Claudine Cheng: and forty-point-what for the VAP?

John Murray: 40.91% for the Asian VAP.

Karin Mac Donald: we could always go back to that later, too, and try adjusting further.

Quintin Mecke: do we think this is a fair working model, then?

Claudine Cheng: yes, let's move on.

Gwenn Craig: all right, we're okay on 4.

Quintin Mecke: we moved 4 to the original line?

Gwenn Craig: correct.

Quintin Mecke: what's the variation on 4?

Diana Ashton: 4 is not on the original line at this point.

Quintin Mecke: okay.

Karin Mac Donald: but we could very easily move it back to the original line and then we'd have one more district below 1%.

David Bisho: why don't we try that then, and then look at 7 because that will be the one affected by that move.

Gwenn Craig: thought we had moved it back to the original line. Yes, we want to move it back to the original line.

Diana Ashton: currently 4 is .08% over and 7 is 4.45% under.

Gwenn Craig: let's go to 5.

Rebecca Prozan: if 7 is under 4.45%, and we have JapanTown, and we have Hayes Valley, can we move some of those over. But I didn't write down what 5 is currently, so that's my first question.

Diana Ashton: currently 5 is 1.98% over. If we make this change, 5 becomes .48% over and 7 is 2.74% under. Will try a further adjustment.

Rebecca Prozan: so I'm wondering if we can move some of those Inner Sunset blocks back into 7, so we can get 5 under 1%.

David Bisho: good idea.

Diana Ashton: with those blocks removed from 5, 5 stands at .48% over and 7 is at 2.94% under. It's 1,063 people. The Latino VAP is 4.89%, White VAP is 53.06%, Black is 1.51%, Asian is 27.56%, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander is .09%. District 7's Asian VAP is 26.41%.

Rebecca Prozan: can we try this with the blocks on the other side so we can leave that Outer Sunset/Golden Gate area towards 7?

Diana Ashton: moving those blocks puts 5 at .58% over and 7 at 3.05% under. Asian VAP becomes 31.51%. 7 again is 26.41%.

Rebecca Prozan: I think those blocks are better placed in 7 than the ones we moved before.

David Bisho: theoretically, Crestlake Village should probably be in 7 more than the others, but in the interests of keeping 4 together, I'd agree.

Gwenn Craig: Commissioners, I think we need to address the issue of ballot simplification. And, if we might, could we hear from Mr. McGuire as to how the changes we've made so far tonight affect ballot simplification?

George McGuire: there is one block in district 3 that is its own, sole, ballot type. The Task Force might want to look at that. Will study the Task Force's other changes further to see how they relate to existing Congressional, State Senate, Assembly, and BART boundary lines.

Diana Ashton: identified the referred to block in 3. The block is unpopulated, and thus cannot affect any district's numbers. With the Task Force's approval, will adjust the district line so that this block does not create a unique ballot type unto itself.

(Task Force Members: agree.)

Rebecca Prozan: so, as it stands, what are the numbers for 5 again?

Diana Ashton: 5 is over .58%. For the VAP's, Latino is 6%, White is 54.62%, Black is 12.23%, Asian is 13.5%, and Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian/others is .18%.

Quintin Mecke: ready to review district 6.

John Murray: I think that if we're under 5% in 6, we don't have to make any changes to 6. The testimony is that it's land-locked, it can go up to 5%. So we might be well advised, if it's under 5%, to leave it alone, keep going, and then come back to it if it presents an opportunity to fix a different problem.

Quintin Mecke: I'm actually comfortable with where we are right now. What I would suggest is that, since we've dealt with this northern part of the City, we need to deal with 2. So would like to revisit 2 to see if it's justified. Is 2 under or over now?

Diana Ashton: 2 is over and 6 is under, and they do meet in this particular area.

Quintin Mecke: could we adjust a few blocks there?

Diana Ashton: taking just those blocks...sorry, 2 is under, so we'll want 2 to go into 6.

Quintin Mecke: are there any other areas we can look at to adjust 2?

Diana Ashton: border of 3 and 1 is secure, for the reasons of those districts. And so it would be this area, but that's JapanTown for 5. So that would be the area I'd recommend working with on 2 and 6.

Quintin Mecke: could we justify 2 being in its current situation because of JapanTown?

Gwenn Craig: yes.

Quintin Mecke: then I'm comfortable with that. My only question: in the bump we have on the line between 1 and 2, could we adjust there?

Diana Ashton: we selected those blocks to help increase the Asian VAP. We could revisit it again, and try changing it.

Quintin Mecke: no problem, no revisiting.

Diana Ashton: but 2 is still over 5.35%. So the question was whether 2 could drop down a little more where it meets 6, and take a few blocks there, because the border of 1 and 3 is so secure. Or, we could try adjusting all those numbers and try to get them all back to 1%.

John Murray: Mr. Bowman has testified on some of the specific block details in that area of 2 and 5, and I'm wondering if that wouldn't be helpful to us. There are a number of high density residential towers. I'd be interested in just asking Mr. Bowman directly if he has any specific suggestions here?

Christopher Bowman: that's the Cathedral Hill Hotel here. There's no housing here. Next to Tommy's Joynt they're going to building senior housing which will be about twelve stories high, here. Then you have Channel Four here, where there are no people residing. So it's possible to move the line down to O'Farrell and see if that helps.

Diana Ashton: district 2 is under 4.85% and district 6 is under 4.32%.

Gwenn Craig: shall we go to district 8? 8 is fine. District 9? We've heard a lot of testimony about the community of interest that exists with residents of SRO hotels, and we've got a map of where the SRO hotels are located. Commissioner Murray has the map.

Karin Mac Donald: if you were going to take a recess, this might be a good time for us to stop so we can check to see that all our numbers are okay because we'll need to write all this up and make sure we have copies of everything.

Gwenn Craig: we'll recess and come back at 8 o'clock.

(RECESS AT 7:45PM)

(RESUMPTION FROM RECESS AT 8:05PM)

Gwenn Craig: let's go back to district 9. We'll look at areas in the north but try to avoid SRO hotels.

John Trasvina: looks like a lot of SRO's around 17th Street. I know there was a desire to bring in the BART station, but can we look at the numbers?

Diana Ashton: moving the line straight up runs into a lot of SRO's, a cluster of them. You could pick up to the Folsom side.

John Murray: could we go north from Van Ness and Harrison?

Diana Ashton: are you concerned with moving down into 9?

John Murray: yes, want to fix that at the bottom.

Diana Ashton: South Van Ness and Harrison?

Gwenn Craig: yes.

John Trasvina: would like to leave the 9 border alone.

Diana Ashton: taking 16th or 17th Street to South Van Ness and Harrison, we have 4% over in 9.

Gwenn Craig: Latino VAP?

Diana Ashton: 33.55%.

Karin Mac Donald: 17th Street BART won't work at the same time as avoiding the SRO's.

John Murray: yes, they are incompatible.

Gwenn Craig: do we want to look at the south and see what that does and then come back to the southern border?

Quintin Mecke: what are the variances right now with 9, 10, and 11?

Diana Ashton: do you want to take out the move between 15 and 16, Harrison and South Van Ness?

Gwenn Craig/Quintin Mecke: let's take it out.

Diana Ashton: district 9 is over 4.57%, district 10 is over 3.47%, district 11 is over 4.97%.

Gwenn Craig: so we're back to the same Latino VAP that we were looking at before on the statistics you gave us?

Diana Ashton: yes.

Gwenn Craig: and as well as for the other two districts, the VAPs on each of these three groups are the same as what we have in front of us?

Diana Ashton: yes, although I would make one suggestion about Potrero Hill. Because on the Realtor's Map, which is what we've been going on the basis of for all of the neighborhoods, technically at this point Potrero Hill is not completely in 10. There are a couple blocks to its northern border and to its western border. I can show you what I'm talking about. To the north, it's this triangle section here, which has a population of approximately 144 or 150 people, and that would be one way of uniting that community. Currently the border runs down Potrero Avenue and in fact the Realtor's Map has the border running along the highway. By this Realtor's Map, district 9 would move east to the highway and district 10 would move north to capture that triangle area.

John Murray: can we see what the demographics are between Potrero and the freeway? My suspicion is that they are marginally Latino, and they would appropriately be added to district 9.

Diana Ashton: the Latino VAP for that area is 32.15%, and for district 10 the VAP is 11.41%. As for district 9, I could just add it and tell you how it would affect district 9, Commissioner Murray. It would bring Latino VAP to 33.46%.

John Murray: what was it before?

Gwenn Craig: 33.49%.

Diana Ashton: yes, 33.49%.

Gwenn Craig: that's 33.46% in district 9, correct?

Diana Ashton: yes, with the changes, 33.46%.

John Murray: it probably increases the Black VAP in district 10, though.

Gwenn Craig: does it increase the African American VAP in district 10?

Diana Ashton: with those numbers added, the Black VAP in district 10 would be 20.66%, and before it was...

Gwenn Craig: it was 20.39%.

Diana Ashton: 20.39%, yes.

Gwenn Craig: Ladies and Gentlemen, we are looking at the border between districts 9 and 10. Looks like we need to look again at the north or look south, at district 9.

John Murray: I think if you leave that in, then down at the bottom of 9, you can put more into 10. Because aren't we talking about moving the southernmost border of 9 upwards? I'm looking at the right map here, so, we're below the freeway, and we can push north, and so that gives you that trade-off, where you can put some into 9 out of 10, and you can come into 10 out of 9 at the other end of the district.

Gwenn Craig: yes, let's try that.

Diana Ashton: might I also at this time also add that triangle at the top to complete Potrero Hill?

Gwenn Craig: yes, 140 people, and in fact that removes that neighborhood issue.

Gwenn Craig: what we did at the top there between 9 and 10 was to move back to what is the current border of district 10, which takes it along the freeway. Earlier it had been moved to Potrero Avenue. So we have moved back now to what is the current district of 10 to the 101 freeway. And we did make some changes at the top of 10 that added that industrial area at the

foot of Potrero Hill, which is considered on the Realtor's Map as part of the neighborhood. And now we are about to go to the southern area, what is now, on this map, the area between 9 and 10 at the south, and see if we might make some changes there.

Quintin Mecke: I thought we had taken out that move at the border of 6 and 9? It's still there, if I'm reading that right.

Gwenn Craig: thank you, Commissioner Mecke.

John Murray: since the Portola's already split, we can be moving the line within the Portola neighborhood northwards so that more of the Portola is in 10. That would be my proposal.

Diana Ashton: let me run through the new numbers, so the Task Force is aware where it is. District 9 is over 6.34%, district 10 is over 1.79%, and district 6 is under 4.41%.

Gwenn Craig: now we have some room to move between 9 and 10.

John Murray: let's see how much of the Portola we can put back, intact. That would be a great result.

Quintin Mecke: Commissioner Murray, I would suggest the section of Census blocks north of McClaren Park, the Census blocks to the left of the name 'Portola'.

John Murray: I didn't have a specific suggestion, so lead ahead.

Diana Ashton: with those blocks moved, district 10 is over 3.75%, and district 9 is over 4.39%. And with those moves district 9's VAP numbers are: the Latino VAP for district 9 as it stands is 33.85%.

Gwenn Craig: what is the effect on the African American VAP in district 10?

Diana Ashton: district 10 is at 20.32%. Asian for district 10 is 24.69%.

Quintin Mecke: could we take that one into 10?

John Murray: would suggest that, given that we're probably not changing the other borders in 10, we should push it as close to 5 as possible to give ourselves flexibility in the rest of the map. We should keep moving more of the Portola into 10, getting 10 as close to 5% as possible because most of the other boundaries of 10 are fixed, is that roughly correct? This is one area where we're uniting a neighborhood, and we're not undoing something that we've had testimony on, like district 11 council lines or other things like that, and we've got justification. All I'm saying is that we continue to move that line north, pushing district 10 closer to 5%, not necessarily at 4.99%, but instead of 3.75%, it could be 4.25% or 4.5%. That will give us more flexibility in other places.

Diana Ashton: I'll move these selected four blocks into district 10. District 10 is at 4.63% and district 9 is at 3.51% over. Starting with district 9, the Latino VAP is 34.05%, Asian VAP is

15.11%, Black is 2.94%. District 10, the Black VAP is at 20.2%, Asian is at 24.78%, Latino is 11.36%.

Quintin Mecke: could you take that last stretch of blocks east-west, don't add them, just demographics?

Diana Ashton: that's a long highway one, I'll just leave it out.

Quintin Mecke: okay.

Diana Ashton: there are 1,000 people in that group left of the rocks, and demographically the Latino VAP is 15.67%, Black VAP is 3.08%...

Rebecca Prozan: which are the current VAP numbers that we're comparing those to?

(Task Force discussion among themselves)

Gwenn Craig: we'll get copies of that for the Task Force members and for the public, so that you'll all have that, too.

John Murray: if I recall correctly, we're at 4.63% in 10, and I would stop there, rather than trying to get it closer and getting bounced by some other small change. In 9 we are at 3.51%, which is also acceptable, and I think we've improved the Latino VAP. Shall we move on to 10 and 11?

Quintin Mecke: could we have a brief review of the current population variances?

Diana Ashton: district 1 is under .53%, district 10 is over 4.63%, district 11 is over 4.97%, district 2 is under 4.85%, district 3 is under .65%, district 4 is over .08%, district 5 is over .58%, district 6 is under 4.41%, district 7 is under 3.05%, district 8 is under .28%, district 9 is over 3.51%.

Gwenn Craig: district 11, which is perilously close to 5%?

John Murray: my recollection is when we started the process, for districts 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, we were comfortable being over 5%, so this, to me, looks like we're done. Is that the opinion of others?

David Bisho: I think we are, but we should look at it carefully one more time.

Diana Ashton: there is one problem that's glaring and must be fixed: district 9 Latino VAP has decreased, so under the Charter you're in violation as you're not increasing that population.

Gwenn Craig: so we need to go back to that.

Karin Mac Donald: if the Task Force could give us a few moments, we can adjust the blocks we just moved and see if we could undo some of that.

Diana Ashton: in trying to get the Latino VAP up in district 9 to its current thirty-five-point...I wasn't able to increase that number without affecting 10 by putting it way over, about 7%, and that's also including taking the SRO sections going above 17th all the way up to 14th, so that's not an easy fix. The solution here is to get 9 at 1% or go back to the criteria to justify 9 being over, under the Charter.

Gwenn Craig: so we need a little more study on this issue. Since we are very close to the 9 o'clock hour, let me throw out the question: do we want to move the changes we've made now, get some public comment, and come back...?

(Task Force discussion among themselves)

Quintin Mecke: the plan, as I understood it yesterday, with Commissioner Murray, was to really kink out all the major tweaks tonight, and it seems if we have a fundamental issue right now, I understand it's Friday night, and we've been here for how many consecutive nights, but...

John Murray: what I was suggesting is, let's try to get it as close as possible, and then take public comment tomorrow. That way, anything that's coming up, they have a chance to work on it overnight. So we still need to work a little bit more, but I don't want to have a motion tonight on what we've done. I'd rather come back in the morning.

Gwenn Craig: this is the issue, Ladies and Gentlemen. The consultants have told us they need turnaround time to produce a map of the changes we've made to date so that they can have that and its accompanying statistics available for us to continue our work the following day. So that is why we had a time certain for ending tonight, to allow them to do work this evening and tomorrow in order for us to reconvene at 1 o'clock.

Diana Ashton: just want to impress upon you that this is not going to be an easy tweaking of blocks. A meeting tomorrow from noon to two will not do it. You're going to need time to deal with this issue.

Gwenn Craig: and we're one to three tomorrow, by the way. And I understand that there's a facilities available issue, so we're really going to have to leave by 3:30 tomorrow.

John Murray: I suggest we try to resolve this major problem tonight, and that's our stopping point, as soon as that problem is resolved, however we resolve it. That way, when we come in tomorrow, we can have public comment for some period of time on a map that only has tweaks remaining, not major changes. Yes, we may go a little bit later tonight, and I'm as anxious as anyone else to leave, but I'd like to fix the major problem and reserve public comment until tomorrow... The consultants are not going to do production of a large map tonight. Production time is twenty-four hours from the final map. We don't have a final map tonight, all we're doing is statistics tonight... Tomorrow we'll get a map with the lines on it, and the underlying statistics with some VAP statistics. If we, in the next half-hour, resolve this problem and then meet at one, half an hour isn't going to make or break the process... And the reason I'm suggesting not taking public comment tonight is because, after our tweaks, we're going to have to take comment anyway, and the tweaks are not going to be substantial changes, so I'd rather have comments on a whole map, because we could end up taking comments tonight, if this problem isn't resolved,

we'd resolve the problem, take comments on that, and then take comments on tweaks, and then we're vexed three hours of comments on a map that hasn't changed all that much.

Gwenn Craig: okay. Other Commissioners on this topic?

David Bisho: sounds great to me, sounds very reasonable.

Gwenn Craig: my only concern is that it could be that the public is aware of problems they see, or issues they see, that we aren't hearing about as we move along, so that we can wait to hear about this all at the end to try and make some remedies then, if that's the wish of the Task Force.

John Murray: is it possible to make a motion to have the public testify as to specific problems only, one minute each?

Gwenn Craig: that's a question for Mr. Jacobs.

Chad Jacobs: if you make a motion, the public's entitled to testify as to anything about that motion. So, I'm not sure I exactly understand what the motion would be, but if you make a motion to do a certain aspect, take a certain action, then the public can testify as to anything they feel about that action.

John Murray: so if I were to construct a motion that said, motion to consider actions suggested to resolve specific technical problems, would that motion be sufficiently narrow?

Rebecca Prozan: let's not have him comment on that.

John Murray: okay, fine, so we can't get there. Sorry, Madame Chair, we tried.

Herbert Donaldson: is it completely impossible to meet earlier than one?

Gwenn Craig: there's two issues with that. One is the consultants' availability and the ability to have work available for us. And the second is that we have announced a starting time of 1 p.m. And a third issue is room availability, which we should address first. Ms. Johnson, you can tell us about room availability first, if we were to start at noon tomorrow, and then we can ask Mr. Jacobs about the amount of money.

Elise Johnson (Staff): basically, Media Services and Security have already changed their schedules to accommodate our meeting here from one to three-thirty, so I don't think it's that flexible... as it's Friday at 9 p.m., I wouldn't even be able to have an answer regarding Sunday.

Gwenn Craig: that stops it right there... we're pretty much set then on the schedule issue.

David Bisho: if tomorrow we just have a two-and-a-half-hour meeting, that's just almost for public testimony only, there's no time really for much else.

Quintin Mecke: we need to cut ourselves some more space here, and we might have constricted ourselves a little bit last night. I'm just concerned, and this looks like it might potentially be a

late Friday night to solve this problem so we can solve a major problem before tomorrow, so I'm just offering that to my fellow Commissioners in our thoughts about the rest of the weekend.

Gwenn Craig: I don't know if this is something that we can find an answer to in five minutes.

John Murray: do we want to let them come with a solution to it tomorrow, and have us treat that at the beginning of the meeting, and recess now?

Gwenn Craig: correct. So then, what I'm back to again is hearing from the public now, letting the consultants go home if need be.

John Murray: if they want to comment on the map, though, the only way we can show the current map is with the consultants. We can let them go, but we have nothing that shows the boundaries, so any question about any of the boundary issues we won't be able to examine.

Gwenn Craig: then we need to hear from them, just really how late they can stay in order to do what they need to do.

Quintin Mecke: I totally want to hear public comment, but at the same time I also want to try to tweek with a solution before we let them go, and give it to them for the rest of the night. My only concern is to at least be able to work on a solution. I'm not suggesting we're going to be able to spend too much time on it. And then either pick a time and say public comment starts in twenty minutes, half an hour, whatever it is.

Gwenn Craig: I don't know if we're going to be able to come back to the issue of finding new Census blocks that we can look at this point. Ms. Ashton, do you think it would be possible that we'll be able to do some more work on this issue of district 9 tonight, given the work you need to do on that, or do we need to return to that issue tomorrow?

Diana Ashton: we're working on it. It seems as though it will take a lot of work, or a lot of time. I can't even give you an indication, it's just clicking and trying and...

Gwenn Craig: so it's more feasible for us to stay now or come back tomorrow?

Diana Ashton: the problem is the final product might be different. It's not a matter of it looking a little bit different than you last saw it. If you were to give it to us to bring back to you tomorrow, that would be an option, but I can't guarantee it wouldn't be a different map, meaning the borders you thought were secure now would be... because, one suggestion is to pick up some of the population in Bernal Heights into 8. It would be better if you were here working with us and looking at what's going on, so I think it's something we should deal with tonight. Don't push it over to tomorrow.

Gwenn Craig: okay, thank you. All right, what should we do right now with you?

John Murray: do you want to recess for fifteen minutes?

Diana Ashton: that would be perfect, if we had a fifteen-minute recess.

Gwenn Craig: okay, fifteen minutes, we'll be back at 9:15.

(RECESS AT 9:00PM)

(RESUMPTION FROM RECESS AT 9:15PM)

Gwenn Craig: Commissioners, the consultants have indicated that they are going to need more time to work on running some numbers and looking at possible solutions that we might have so that we meet our criteria in district 9, and also balancing out any potential effects on any other districts so that those effects don't occur. The suggestion then is that we recess, but before we do that, I need to tell you that they've now checked with Media Services and it is possible for us to reconvene at 10 a.m. tomorrow. If so, I need to find out from you if that is your pleasure, to come back from recess at 10 a.m. rather than 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Herbert Donaldson: it may not be my pleasure, but if we have to do it, we have to do it.

Rebecca Prozan: I echo Commissioner Donaldson's comments.

Gwenn Craig: so, is that your wish then, that we recess at this time?

(Task Force members: yes)

Elise Johnson: so we can have the room from ten to four tomorrow, I'll schedule it, and, also, you can schedule the room and Media Services and Security staffing from ten to four Sunday, would you also like me to do that now... it needs to be decided now.

Bowman Leong: we went over this yesterday, we were talking about potentially meeting from one to three on Sunday so then I can go straight to the airport afterwards. But if you want to meet earlier than one on Sunday that's fine with me too.

Gwenn Craig: Ms. Ashton or Ms. Mac Donald? Another issue we had about our start and stop time had to do with map production. So what we're discussing right now is starting up tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. and the potential of starting up also on Sunday at 10 a.m. Is that feasible given what you need, to have the materials that we would be working with?

Karin Mac Donald: given that you really haven't made any official changes, if we could just stick with the map as it is right now, and wouldn't have to produce jpeg's and another plotted map, then... is this for Sunday, or is this for tomorrow?

Gwenn Craig: we should hear about both.

Karin Mac Donald: for tomorrow, I'm hoping that you're not going to send us back to the office tonight to produce jpeg's and another plotted map if you want to start tomorrow morning at ten.

Gwenn Craig: we'll just start tomorrow and then we could just put up on the screen the changes that we've made, is that still doable?

Diana Ashton: for Sunday the twenty-four hour rule still applies, especially because we really need to have communication with your City Attorney's office. The technical part is really not the twenty-four hours, that's like five or six hours.

Gwenn Craig: that's the verification.

Diana Ashton: yes, that's the verification.

Gwenn Craig: so, we need to stick with the 1 p.m. start time on Sunday, then.

Diana Ashton: yes, if we're finished on Saturday at 1 p.m., or at three, or three-thirty, whatever it is.

Elise Johnson: it's ten to four Saturday we'll have the room.

Gwenn Craig: I thought we had to stop by three-thirty on Saturday.

Elise Johnson: we've worked out something with staffing here, so they're being kind enough to be here from ten to four. So we'll keep it one to three o'clock on Sunday?

Gwenn Craig: okay.

David Bisho: is it this room both days?

Elise Johnson: yes.

Gwenn Craig: then we'll start earlier at 10 a.m. tomorrow, but we'll still stick to starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Diana Ashton: recommend that tonight we could work on two scenarios and maybe a possible third we're thinking about right now that we could come to you tomorrow with. You have to look at them, but just three options that would solve trying to keep as much of this map intact as possible, solving the problem of getting 9 down to 1%. We could start out by going through them, showing you how it affects this map as it is today. But for the jpeg's and the statistics it would be just verbal and showing you on the screen, it would just be too much to have a whole production. If that would be okay.

Gwenn Craig: Commissioners, is that be okay with you?

Quintin Mecke: do you have a sense of what those three scenarios are so that we have something to think about or the public could ruminate on as well?

Karin Mac Donald: you can look at the north of 9, you can look at the south of 9, or you can look at...

Diana Ashton: from 9's perspective, in relationship to 8, we're trying to keep 8 as it is, under 1%. So the border between 8 and 9 has leeway, the border between 9 and 10 is pretty much cement with that freeway and the community of Potrero Hill running along it. So what we're

thinking would be a northern-southern trade, and possibly a Bernal Heights trade, possibly a Portola trade, possibly bringing 9's border down to 20th. These are all things we're going to be thinking about, just to put them on public record as what you might see tomorrow.

Quintin Mecke: so scenario one is 6 moves down into 9, there's a trade in population there, potentially, I'm guessing, condensing the Latino vote in district 9, increasing potentially, we hope, Latino VAP. The second option is moving east from district 8 into Bernal Heights, between 8 and 9, switching things right there and perhaps some adjustments on the northern border. And the third option was...?

Diana Ashton: that would just be a 3 o'clock in the morning enlightenment.

Quintin Mecke: thank you for your honesty very much.

Gwenn Craig: that is where we start then when we return from recess tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

Elise Johnson: Madame Chair, may I make an announcement for the public? You will need to enter from the Goodlett Street entrance tomorrow, and the doors will open very close to ten o'clock, not much before. Thank you.

Gwenn Craig: thank you. Is there a motion to recess? Is there discussion on the motion? No?

CALL TO QUESTION

VOTE

**MOTION (LEONG), SECONDED (PROZAN), APRIL 12, 2002, TO RECESS UNTIL
APRIL 13, 2002 AT 10AM**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(MEETING RECESSED AT 9:45PM)

Minutes of the

San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting Regular Meeting

City Hall, One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 400

APRIL 13, 2002 AT 10:00 A.M.

I. Call to order and Roll Call:

Task Force Chair Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Elections Task Force Members Present: Gwenn Craig, John Trasvina, David Bisho, Claudia Cheng (arrival at 12:20 p.m.), Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, Quintin Mecke, John Murray, Rebecca Prozan

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Elise Johnson, Leah Hooker, Grace Lee

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- “2nd Revised Notice of Meeting...April 11, 2002”
- “Redistricting, Reprecincting & Elections Task Force Budget Considerations” (4-11-02)
- “Draft Accounting of Task Force On Redistricting Expenses” (04/08/02)
- “Proposed San Francisco Supervisorial Districts...Through 4/11/02”
- “VAP Numbers, as proposed 4/11/02”
- “San Francisco Supervisorial Districts-Current Districts”
- “Current Districts” (percentages chart)

- (Submittal to Task Force) “North Mission Neighborhood – 4/13/02”, Betty Trayner
- (Submittal to Task Force) “Fwd: Redistricting and Duboce Park—4/13/02”, Dougcoms
- (Submittal to Task Force) “Minor Amendments to...Plan 1—4/13/02”, C. L. Bowman

(RESUMPTION OF RECESSED APRIL 12, 2002 MEETING AT AGENDA ITEM 5):

Gwenn Craig: currently addressing problem in district 9, Latino voting age population.

Diane Ashton (technical consultant): response to question from Craig.

Chad Jacobs (City Attorney): offer clarification of 1% to 5% deviation leeway with regard to diluting voting power. Must look to see if you’ve kept the minority group together. If so, then going above 1% deviation is okay.

David Bisho: question to Jacobs. Consultants and Task Force can look at issue. Suggested Task Force look at Ashton’s options.

Herbert Donaldson: discussion of what would give Task Force cause to go between 1% and 5%.

Jacobs: can Mission be divided at 17th Street without dividing neighborhood?

Donaldson: further question.

Jacobs: SRO's are a community of interest, not a neighborhood.

Donaldson: SRO's are bunched together.

Jacobs: Charter says keep recognized neighborhoods together.

Quintin Mecke: let's see some scenarios from the technical consultants.

Rebecca Prozan: as to a SRO, conflicted about 17th Street being the boundary. Believes SRO is a recognized community of interest.

John Trasvina: two-thirds of SRO's are above 17th Street, one-third of SRO's below 17th Street.

Ashton: presentation of map prepared after Task Force meeting of April 12, 2002. Minimal changes from prior map entitled 'Changes to Proposed San Francisco Supervisorial District Map—4/11/02'. With latest map, district 1 at under .53%, 10 at over 3.68%, 11 at over 4.97%, 2 at under 4.85%, 3 at under .65%, 4 at over .08%, 5 at under 1% (.85%), 6 at under .59%, 7 at over 3.05%, 8 at over 2.8%, 9 at under 6.4%.

Craig: asked what changes in the map?

Ashton: districts 1 and 2 traded blocks along the California Street corridor. District 2's population increased. District 4 brought to Sloat. District 7 added a few blocks. District 9's northern border below 17th Street to balance population percentage: VAP number shows 33.4% Latino; explained that border change was to bring as much of the Mission into district 9 as possible.

Prozan: how dense trying to keep northern part of district 9 at 17th Street? Analysis of 17th Street border of take into account everyone's interests.

Ashton: further proposed change of district 9 at 17th Street technically would not work out, will be over 1%.

Trasvina: this proposed line into 9 goes further south.

Ashton: this proposal is a plan that could pass legal muster.

Karin Mac Donald (technical consultant): this plan would work if you are willing to go over 1% variance for the Latino population.

Craig: clarification: Task Force may address the power of the voting population if it wishes to.

Mecke: to get to 2% or 2.5% is a considerable effort. Is there a scenario to increase the Latino VAP?

Ashton: did analysis that only served to increase Latino VAP. Here's resulting map. With this map, all districts under 1%, except district 6. District 9 at under 1% and Latino VAP at 37.09%. It keeps the Mission and Bernal Heights together. This map considered Latino VAP and 1% throughout the City. All the maps prepared are based on 1%, therefore all legal maps.

Mac Donald: the Mission area is Latino dense. Thus, ugly maps, not really proper trade-off.

Trasvina: can you shed district 9 at the bottom?

Ashton: showed another map where 9 shed at the bottom, explained some of the details. District 3 shrunk down to .2%. 9 to Silver. 10, 9, 11 share Portola. 9 left at 17th Street. 1 at 4.65%. 2 above 1%. JapanTown kept in 5.

Craig: Asian VAP in 3?

Ashton: 43.1%.

Bisho: Latino VAP in 9?

Ashton: 34.55%. Tried hard to get the numbers up.

Bisho: are we reducing the Chinese VAP in 3 to increase the Latino VAP in 9?

Ashton: yes.

Trasvina: shed 9 at the bottom?

Ashton: once you break neighborhood, must bring others together to bring the percentage up.

Trasvina: can 11 be pushed into 7?

Ashton: you can do it. There are 2,000 people who can be moved around. The move, however, may make district 7 go over 5%.

Trasvina: could you put the southern part of district 9 into district 11?

Ashton: working on the changes.

Mecke: interesting to see how changes have been changing VAP's. Wondering if Task Force go back to original map.

Trasvina: the Task Force, with effort, is addressing fixing the Latino VAP.

Ashton: in maximizing Latino VAP in 9, district 9 can take more along the 9 and 11 border. Impact on VAP: 34.74%. District 11, however goes down in Asian and Black populations, Asian VAP goes down, African American VAP goes down.

Trasvina: clarification: does district 9 get too small?

Ashton: yes, you defeat the purpose of doing the move.

Trasvina: changes in southern part of 9 increase the Latino VAP?

Ashton: yes. 34.7% is the most Latino VAP you can get.

Trasvina: can you add 16th Street to district 9, because it's become too small.

Ashton: District 6 cannot give any blocks or it drops under.

Trasvina: is 9 under 1%?

Ashton: yes.

Mecke: could you check the demographics for the northern part of the border? Want to know the Latino population.

Ashton: population 639, Latino VAP 41.63%. The 17th Street border portion is population 2,369 and 42.21% Latino VAP.

Mecke: the last VAP is not proportional, it's practically the same percentage. Below the line the numbers are 2,583 population and 45.8% Latino VAP. Thus, you wouldn't want to put it in 6.

Mac Donald: clarification: in the last ten years there has been an increase in the Latino population. Citizenship will increase. VAP's won't tell us who's eligible to vote.

Craig: suggest the Task Force members consider going back to work on the other map?

Mecke: agreed.

Ashton: displaying original map with proposed changes put in. Now showing these percentages: 1 at under .53%, 10 at over 3.68%, 11 at over 4.97%, 2 at under 4.85%, 3 at under .65%, 4 at over .08%, 5 at over .58%, 6 at under .59%, 7 at under 3.05%, 8 at under .28%, 9 at over .64%. Note that 7 and 11 cannot exchange on border; can exchange blocks. 6 and 9 can exchange blocks.

Trasvina: the Asian VAP in 11 is high, but not the highest. We are trying to maximize benefits for all. The Latino VAP in 9 still suffers.

Ashton: if put some of 11 into 9, you aren't helping the Latino population. The map was constructed starting with district 9 to increase the Latino VAP.

Trasvina: want to see small changes to increase the Latino VAP. Bring 7 into 1%. 11 into 7 results in 2,000 people. Does 6 need to be under 1%?

Jacobs: legally safe approach is to keep 6 under 1%. When the final map is put together, you must have strong legal arguments.

Trasvina: putting 6 under 1% makes the Asian population weak in district 3.

Ashton: various attempts at trading did not increase the Latino VAP significantly.

(Ashton and Trasvina work on map together)

Craig: looking at district 9's possible changes, Commissioner Trasvina had some suggestions.

Trasvina: I thank the consultants for their hard work.

Ashton: presenting Trasvina's proposed changes: bottom of 11 moved to 7, with 7 at under 5%, allowing you to add population to 11. You put some of 9 into 11, 9 gains from 6, leaving 9 at under 1% and the Latino VAP at 34.26%. District 6 is under 3.03%.

John Murray: could you show the changes in comparison to yesterday's map?

Ashton: displaying the proposed changes.

Murray: is there an SRO issue? Along what streets?

Ashton: SRO's pop along 16th Street. With the changes, district 11 gained some areas of Portola.

Murray: could we have the statistics with the new changes of district 11's getting areas of Portola?

Ashton: with the changes, the Asian VAP in district 11 is 50.41%, in district 7 the Asian VAP is 26.48%. Without the changes, the Asian VAP in district 11 is 35.83%.

Mecke: given the changes, a large Asian population has been moved into a low Asian-voting area. Suggest going back to the original map the Task Force worked off of.

Trasvina: in accordance with David Binder Research's survey, the people in district 11 wanted to stay in district 11.

Bowman Leong: they share no common interest in the neighborhood.

Bisho: it's a bad match, radical change.

Trasvina: I want the changes for the improvement in district 9. Don't want to dilute the Latino VAP in 9. Goal is to dilute it less.

Prozan: any wiggle room to go up in district 10?

Ashton: yes. 10 can receive population.

Prozan: suggest using that portion of Portola that was moved into 11 as part of the exchange.

(Claudine Cheng arrives at 12:20p.m., apologizing for late arrival)

Ashton: moving 9 to 10, instead of 9 to 11, would decrease Latino count in 11. Results: district 10 at 5.01%, and 10 cannot take more, must lose a block; district 9 at 1.75% over and also must lose—question of where.

Ashton: this is the base map the technical consultants were asked to prepare. Advise the Task Force to make a motion to take this map as their base map.

Trasvina: if the proposed changes don't work, then we've exhausted the possibilities.

Mecke: agree with the consultants. Should go to an original base map. We have time constraints.

Craig: what is the VAP and deviation situation with the currently displayed map?

Ashton: district 9, over 1.91%, Latino VAP 33.81%; district 3, under 3.05%; district 11, over 4.97%; district 6, under .59%. The plan 4 numbers, by contrast, are: 1 at under .53%, 10 at over 3.68%, 11 at over 4.97%, 2 at under 4.85%, 3 at under .65%, 4 at over .08%, 5 at over .58%, 6 at under .59%, 7 at under 3.05%, 8 at under .28%, 9 at over .64%, and those districts with a greater than 1% deviation following the qualifying requirements of the Charter.

Murray: we are quite close. Perhaps we can set public comment at this point?

Craig: perhaps for adoption of the changes made to the map?

MOTION, BY BISHO, SECONDED, BY LEONG, TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES MADE TO THE MAP FROM LAST NIGHT'S SESSION AND AS SHOWN IN THE MAP PREPARED BY THE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS OVERNIGHT.

Ashton: the public should comment on particular neighborhoods.

Craig: (to audience) the Task Force wants to hear from the public on the changes. Audience members wishing to speak should submit speaker cards while the consultants work on the map.

Mac Donald: presentation of statistics from proposed map:

District	Deviation	Latino VAP	Black VAP	Asian VAP
1	-0.53	4.07	1.56	36.66
2	-4.85	3.76	1.76	11.56
3	-0.65	3.98	1.58	40.91
4	0.08	3.88	1.01	43.02
5	0.58	6.00	12.23	13.50
6	-0.59	15.98	9.34	22.16
7	-3.05	6.10	3.19	26.48

8	-0.28	10.42	3.13	8.18
9	0.64	33.34	2.93	15.92
10	3.68	11.70	20.36	24.13
11	4.97	19.62	7.11	35.79

PUBLIC COMMENT (TWO MINUTES PER SPEAKER)

Deborah Walker: proposed map addresses many concerns. Concerned about losing communities of color.

Betty Traynor: representing 16th Street North Neighborhood Association. North Mission is a distinct neighborhood.

Raymond Vitale: let's look at the trade between 3, 6, and 9 to achieve a balance. Take parts of 6 into 3 so you can put part of 9 into 6.

Trasvina: what is your recommendation?

Vitale: give 6 the opportunity to take more Latino population.

Lynne Newhouse Segal: complaint over exclusion of Jordan Park from district 2. Jordan Park is an important neighborhood. Do not like the following changes: precinct 2201 to district 2, and precincts 2104/2106 from 2 to 1.

William Duffy: perhaps need to look at non-map ideologies. Look at Task Force Chair Craig's idea of working starting from a 1% map.

Steven Currier: from district 11. Crocker Amazon concerned with one block – Chicago Bay – in the Crocker Amazon: should go back to district 11. Appreciate all the Task Force has done for district 11.

Joseph McGuire: propose one more change to assist ballot simplification: moving three partial blocks along Broderick from district 5 to 2. Would like to see the population composition. Ashton: 196 people.

Mecke: if the three partial blocks were to be moved from 5 to 2, does it affect the deviation?

Ashton: it's feasible, it's okay.

Doug Comstock: President of Panhandle Residents Association. Neighborhood wants to stay in district 5. Likes the idea of Duboce Triangle being split. Also wanted to talk at Kirkham before the final map.

Christopher Bowman: submitted written comment on Plan 4. Place Jordan Park in district 2. Also ask that one block be added back to district 1. Geary and Bush is an African American area, needs to be taken from district 2 and added to district 5. Need to straighten the boundary between 1 and 2 at Russian Hill. Cannot split a census block unless no one lives on that census block.

Paul Hagan: from district 8. Likes boundaries but offered suggestions. Priorities are the northeast sector of district 8, west of the community center. If Latino voting age population increases in district 9, Task Force can take another area. Advises Task Force that it is under a

great deal of scrutiny, so its members should not 'cluster' in separate groups suggesting partisan factions.

Susan Horsdale: from district 10. Precinct 3802 wants to be in a district that has the 7th Street corridor, Mission Bay. Also, Task Force needs to get the voting age population in district 10 above where it is.

Alexis Gonzales: from district 9. Disappointed, district 9's Latino voting age population is not enhanced, there's actually a dilution.

Ron Dudem: this process balkanizes San Francisco. The consultants fail to give credit to the people building coalitions. To be successful in a district, must build a coalition.

Tab Buckner: district 5 resident. Plan is good, important to work on increasing the voting age population for communities of color. District 8, further north, however, is concerned with the current proposal. Task Force must take communities into consideration.

Jonee Levy: from district 3. District 3 would like to keep the rest of Russian Hill, but realizes that it may not be possible in the redistricting process.

John de Castro: presented map. Precinct 3802 includes the 18th Street commercial district, as well as the residences of the Potrero Hill area. 3802 is part of Potrero Hill, and like Potrero Hill, should remain as part of district 10. Encourage the Task Force to leave 3802 in the boundaries of district 10 as drawn.

Scott Moore: Buena Vista belongs in district 5, not district 8.

Michael Goldstein: echo Scott Moore's comments. Keep, in particular, the northeast area in district 8. In district 9, Task Force needs to consider communities of color and give and take on areas to preserve those communities.

Dick Millet: from district 10, precinct 3802. Involved with various organizations connected with Mission Bay and Potrero Hill. Keep precinct 3802 in district 10.

Eddie Kittrell: from district 10, Potrero Hill resident and President of Potrero Hill Annex Resident Corporation. Leave Potrero Hill as it is. Why take 3802 out of Potrero Hill? Residents are satisfied with the way things are.

(END OF PUBLIC COMMENT)

Prozan: we might go through each comment to incorporate friendly amendments to the motion. Suggest looking at Jordan Park, seeing if we can move precinct 3003 into district 11, three blocks of district 5, Christopher Bowman's remarks on African American VAP.

Cheng: looking at the political picture of building coalitions, but also looking at Asian voting strength going down. Would like to discuss getting the district 3 numbers improved.

Donaldson: suggest we one, vote on the motion, two, go through suggested changes and comments, and three, then ask for public comment again.

Craig: agree with Commissioner Cheng that voting strength of minority groups need to be considered.

Prozan: point of clarification: do we approve, and then go back and try to increase VAP's?

Donaldson: we will do what we can do. We'll address the public comments, but let's adopt the map first, then proceed with changes.

CALL TO QUESTION: NONE.

MOVE TO VOTE.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Ashton: request list of changes.

Mecke: we'll take the changes one-by-one.

Ashton: agreed.

Mecke: we need to prioritize. Suggest one, parks; two, voting power; three, Geary/Bush issue. Geary/Bush issue actually seems to be most important issue. Do we deal with Christopher Bowman's idea, or leave as is?

Murray: the three blocks seem to belong district 2 rather than district 5. It may be easier to discuss during the break.

Cheng: want overall population figures after the break.

Craig: any other changes?

Cheng: collective thoughts on district 3?

Murray: concerned about the reduction of Asian VAP. Districts 3 and 4 have high Asian VAP. We should give attention to this issue of the reduction of Asian VAP. Let's look at changes from district 3 to district 2.

Craig: suggestions?

Murray: we're waiting for the layering to come up.

Mecke: in one-and-a-half-hours we must determine where we're at. Let's discuss changes before we create a chain reaction, given the short timeframe. Not comfortable with the park issue. Let's prioritize. This is a process question.

Murray: we are asking for data to figure out how to straighten out the line.

Mecke: uncertain with the timeframe left.

Cheng: we have a number of items on the table.

Ashton: Haight Street issue can be looked at now. Larger adjustments can be done at the end. Could not increase Asian VAP very much by moving areas around.

Craig: Let's look at the 8 and 5 border around Buena Vista Park.

Ashton: with implemented change, 5 goes to over 1%. Putting two blocks east of Buena Vista Park back into 8, 5 is still over and 8 is still under.

Mecke: because of the percentages, can we do a give and take with 8 and 7?

Ashton: making changes requested at 8 and 7.

Mecke: also suggest making change in the Inner Sunset area?

Murray: can district 5 go up to 5% variance?

Jacobs: we need to look at the entire district statistics.

Mecke: if we get a change in the percentage variance in 5, then we're getting into a different situation.

Leong: isn't district 8 under the 1% variance?

Craig: yes, that's correct. Shall we try reversing the changes?

Prozan: give Commissioner Mecke and me five more minutes to work on the issue.

Craig: the consultant is doing some more analyses.

Ashton: district 7 is under, district 5 is over. Will try adding three blocks to 7.

Mecke: take one block back to give as much leeway to the 5% variance.

Prozan: should make Sunnyside whole. Put all of Bosworth into 8.

Craig: let's break to allow the consultant time to work. Shall we also look at the original Glen Park line?

Ashton: suggest that the Task Force do the 7 and 5 district lines later.

Cheng: can we also look at our list of things to do?

Craig: let's take a thirty-minute break.

(THIRTY MINUTE RECESS, 2:45PM)

(RETURN FROM RECESS, 3:15PM)

Craig: note that Betty Traynor submitted a map of the North Mission neighborhood.

Ashton: worked on the changes proposed by the Task Force. Five moves were made: four blocks were added to district 5; blocks were added to 2; the Haight blocks were put into 5 and the Sunnyside blocks into 8; more of the Inner Sunset was put into 7; and, because district 1 needed to gain and district 5 needed to lose, I went back to the original line from last night and put two blocks back into 1. With these five moves, the district deviations now stand as follows: 1 is under 0.9%, 2 is under 4.8%, 3 is under .65%, 4 is over .08%, 5 is over .86%, 6 is under .59%, 7 is under 2.46%, 8 is under .83%, 9 is over .64%, 10 is over 3.68%, 11 is over 4.97%.

Ashton: point out situation with district 1 and district 2.

Murray: there are moves that are more critical.

Ashton: will work on it.

Bisho: don't cut the Sunnyside.

Donaldson: is Sunnyside in 7?

Ashton: no.

Craig: shall we make changes in areas where we've heard no comment?

Murray: let's solve the important problems.

Trasvina: let's get VAP's to see if we're getting closer.

Ashton: district 1: Asian VAP at 36.81%; district 5: Asian VAP at 13.13%; district 7: Asian VAP at 26.55%; district 8: Asian VAP at 8.35%. For African American VAP's, district 1 is at 1.63%, district 5 is at 12.53%, district 7 is at 3.16%, district 8 is at 3.03%. For Latino VAP's, district 1 is at 4.08%, district 5 is at 6.05%, district 7 is at 6.03%, district 8 is at 10.46%.

Cheng: want the 3, 6, 9 update from the consultant.

Craig: let's plan what we need.

Jacobs: the consultant needs twenty-four hours. What we decide here today needs to be put together into a final map. On Sunday we'll take public comment on the final map. This is crunch time for the Task Force.

Donaldson: Commissioner Murray is concerned with these blocks. Have they been transferred into district 5?

Ashton: yes.

Mecke: could consultant go over the five changes?

Ashton: district 1 and district 2 swapped blocks along Lake Street; district 5 got five blocks; district 5 gave a few blocks to district 7; Sunnyside moved from district 7 to district 8; USF Law School moved back to district 1.

Mecke: concerned we've created an island of district 2 surrounded by district 5.

Cheng: and the update on 3, 6, 9?

Prozan: concerned about Sunnyside half. Can population be taken from district 9 instead of district 7 along the Valencia corridor? Need also to discuss 3, 6, 9.

Craig: let's not worry about that side of district 8.

Ashton: to increase the VAP numbers in 3, 6, 9 and in order to keep the population variances under 1%, need to maximize the VAP's of Chinese in district 3 and Latinos in district 9.

Cheng: looking at the Asian VAP in district 3, what contributes to the slight decrease?

Ashton: there have been population shifts, population changes. Population patterns have changed in the City. Therefore, if you want to increase the Chinese VAP, you will have to concentrate on areas with high concentrations of Chinese population. If you want to increase district 3's VAP, we can increase those fingers of area that contain the populace you want to put in the district. This map is the best that can be done on 3 and 9 at this point.

Craig: populations have dispersed in the City.

Ashton: yes.

Craig: any other changes?

Mecke: is this the last chance for the public to make comments?

Prozan: this is the last chance to make changes.

Craig: can we meet on Monday?

Elise Johnson (staff): yes, room can be made available, Task Force just needs to recess their meeting and say they will resume on that date.

Craig: need to check legality of meeting on Monday in light of mandated requirement to submit final map on Monday.

Donaldson: we should make a motion and then have public comment tomorrow.

Craig: we need to tell the consultants.

Ashton: need to have a voted-on map by tomorrow so that we can prepare the final map.

Murray: the technical advisors will run maps on the screen to see if there's any technical problems.

Donaldson: ask that the technical consultants make copies for the public and the Task Force so that we can see it tomorrow morning.

Craig: it's our goal to have a map for the public to see at the meeting tomorrow morning. (discussion with Ashton on technical aspects of preparation of the map by tomorrow.)

**MOTION (LEONG) TO RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 1:00PM
M/S/C (UNANIMOUSLY PASSED)**

MEETING THEREUPON RECESSED, 3:47PM

**Minutes of the San Francisco Elections Task Force on Redistricting Regular Meeting
City Hall, Room 263
April 11, 2002 at 9:15PM**

I. Call to order and Roll Call:

Gwenn Craig reconvened the meeting at 1:15PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, Rebecca Prozan

Task Force Redistricting Consultant: Karin McDonald, Diana Ashton

City Attorney: Chad Jacobs

Dept. of Elections Staff: Leah Hooker, Elise Johnson

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:

- Agenda-Elections Redistricting Task Force Meeting, 4/11/02 at 6:30PM.
- Map Version as of 4/13/02 pm

IV. Public Comment

Craig We made changes to the map yesterday and the technical consultants have made maps with those changes and checked the statistics

Cheng I'd like to suggest some structure for today. Perhaps we can limit public comments?

Craig We can only limit the time each person has to speak not the amount of comment we will hear. I would suggest limiting time to two minutes per speaker. Suggestions?

Donaldson Is there a motion on the table?

Craig Let's ask the staff

Johnson No

Donaldson I make a motion to accept this map

Trasvina I would suggest we let the technical consultants explain the map, then hear public comment and then vote.

Craig We'd need another motion to hear public comment before voting on the map, but hearing from the technical consultants is a good idea.

Donaldson So amended

MacDonald We didn't do anything but check the map for accuracy and did statistics and check the map with Chad and create the jpegs. It's a legal map. We can go through the changes though and I'll defer to Diana because she did the work on the actual map.

Ashton The deviations for the proposed map are as follows

Dist 1	69,978pop	Dev. -.9%
Dist 2	67,222pop	Dev. -4.9%
Dist 3	70,150pop	Dev. -.65%
Dist 4	70,672pop	Dev. +.08%
Dist 5	71,217pop	Dev. +.86%
Dist 6	70,197pop	Dev. -.59%
Dist 7	68,877pop	Dev. -2.46%
Dist 8	70,029pop	Dev. -.83%
Dist 9	71,061pop	Dev. +.64%
Dist10	73,209pop	Dev. +3.68%
Dist 11	74,121pop	Dev. +4.97%

MacDonald It will take about five minutes to get the map on screen

Cheng A few days ago we looked at neighborhoods to keep whole. I'd like to look at that again and see where we are, to put it in perspective.

Craig I think that is something we would have to ask Ms. Aston, so we'll need to wait on that as well.

Cheng Ok, we can wait then

Trasvina I'd like to find out from Commissioner Cheng and others where they are on the potential for dilution of minorities

Cheng That was not my point

Trasvina Ok, I'll not try to engage you, but I'm very concerned that numbers are going down and looking at latest figures it's not so scary. For instance, in dist 9 the Latino numbers are much better than

yesterday's. The Asian numbers are too. This chart seems to be better. In district 10 37% of VAP is African American.

1:30 John Murray arrives

Craig Thank you for pointing that out. Yes, the numbers are much better and different than yesterday.

Cheng We're looking at column three now and I think we were looking at column two before. These numbers are better, but I think we're looking at different things, comparing apples to oranges.

Karin Yesterday's numbers were more general. These are more relevant. This is the difference sleep and time can make in our analysis.

Trasvina So column three is comparing voting age population (VAP) to VAP? (Karin affirms). Column three is definitely more relevant to our discussion.

Murray Except that we must remember that this map is for 10 years. The number of "voting age" population will change, probably going up so the minority numbers in those districts will likely rise.

Ashton Ok, I'm ready to go over the changes now. These are the changes you incorporated last night.

District 1 – tried to incorporate the parks we heard testimony on. To get playground in Richmond and removed laurel park to district 2.

District 2 – lost several blocks to dist 5

District 2/3 Border changed. The 2/6 border there was no change

District 4 – No change

District 5 – USF back into district 5, Haight Back into 5

District 8 – Got Buena Vista Park

District 6 – Changes along 9 border to increase the Latino VAP

District 11 – no changes

District 8 – Went below Glen Park to pick up sunnyside blocks that align with Glen Park

District 7 – Kirkham border altered for population reasons

We are comfortable with this map. We feel the neighborhoods are well represented and we present it to you.

Murray Can we look at what neighborhoods are split in this map

Craig Yes, can we do that overlay and perhaps the current districts as well?

Mecke Do we have availability for going late tonight? I thought we were on a strict deadline today and we have a great deal of public comment to get through. Perhaps we can expedite this?

Johnson We can have the room, but I believe there were concerns from the technical consultants?

MacDonald We're planning to be out of here by 3:30 – we need time to prepare everything for tomorrow.

Craig Ok, so that's where we are.

Mecke OK. I suggest we limit comment to 1 minute. I'm concerned about time. I want to include Bowman in as much of this process as we can.

Murray I believe the neighborhood split list will be quick.

Ashton The neighborhoods we have split are

Lake Neigh

Anta Vista

Lower Pacific Heights

Russian Hill

Downtown

Van Ness/ Civic Center

Western Addition

Inner Mission

Mission Delores

Height Ashbury

Inner Sunset

Portola

MacDonald Looking at the downtown splits, one essentially creates the other so it's not as bad as it sounds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Runge Board of Directors, Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association. We've done some great things concerning traffic, the LGBT center, job creation. Our success with Octavia and under the freeway area. All of this work is strengthened if we are in one district. Having more than one supervisor to deal with runs counter to the process.

Peter Cohen . President, Hayes Valley Association. Right now, you have split us into three districts. We haven't been up here screaming and now we've been split in three. Maybe we should have been up here screaming. What is the logic behind this? We've worked very hard and expected to be in one district.

Doug Comstock Reads excerpt from letter (see files) We have a lot of cooperation with St. Mary's Hospital and USF. Why are you removing these from our district? This makes no sense, please consider the ramifications of what you're doing.

Jane Morrison I live in precinct 2415. You are cutting off our very small area and putting us in an unrelated area. There is not one living in area that connects us to the new district.

Craig I asked about that and was told that is how it is currently

Morrison No, there were other areas included too. This has no relation to district 7

Agar Jaicks (showed maps) This is a compact area with no real identity or connection with district 7. You can't even get there on public transportation unless you go down into downtown and take it back out.

Bisho What boundaries do you want to see?

Jaicks Put us all in 5, take out population from another area.

Wayne Lanier PROSF, 6th district. We are bounded by the major institutions of St. Mary's, ISF and the Law School. We are very connected to all of them. If you remove them from the district then we go back to the time of at large commissioners. We'll have to go outside our areas for help.

Gilbert Criswell District 6. Why are you moving the GLBT Community center into 8? There is no reason to do this. You are stealing from us. The community center serves people and non-profits in district 6, not district 8.

Barbara Meskvanas Keep district 5 together. Japan town and Hayes Valley should be in five, but don't split the Hayes Valley either. Please give St. Mary's back to district 5. At Golden Gate and McAllister, you have neighbors split into different districts.

Craig That was Golden Gate to McAllister?

Meskvanas Yes

Ray Vitale Reads a quotation from his shirt about hope and honesty. The decision your making is a political one. Don't pretend it isn't. The map you have is not perfect. There are small changes you can make to make the map better. It could be improved with minor changes.

Anthony Sacco In reference to district 11, thanks for keeping it in tact. But the boundary on the east cutting to Balboa Park makes no sense. The park is where we meet. Shouldn't be a dividing line.

Enola Maxwell You guys have an impossible task. If I were in your shoes I wouldn't know what to do. All I can tell you is to seek the welfare of the city. If you seek the welfare of the city you will thus find your own welfare as well.

Frederick Hobson District 6 Democrats. He described his staff and explained that it is used to ward off bad liberal spirits and protect the good liberal spirits. You included the Mission in district 6 and you really shouldn't have. It creates and demonstrates a conflict of interest and doing so will likely have the lines wind up in court.

Willie Radcliff Bayview. In District 10, there are a lot of reasons it should be changed. Getting people of color in the district so they have a voice. Bayview and Portrero Hill only work together when they have too. We want the best chance to elect a minority, and we have that by taking Portrero Hill out of district 10.

Murray You are here on the last day of the process. You are a prominent member of the community, I'm wondering why you waited so long to come forward.

Radcliff Well, I thought I thought the district would be ok, and now it's not.

Murray What would you say are the real differences between Bayview and Portrero Hill?

Radcliff They have money, we don't. Portrero Hill adds more whites to the district.

Ruth Picon I'd like to add this comment: I am concerned that the historical lines of the Mission are being ignored. The boundary of 6/9 addressing the SRO concerns, they can organize over district lines. Also the 10/9 border. There are lots more Latinos in that area and the district lines right now are just changing too much.

Craig We did look at SROs in area but our major concern was the Lation VAP in ditstrict 9. We looked at it, but we couldn't make it work.

Chris Bowman Regarding Police Stations, Hospitals, etc and not cutting census blocks, the consultants need to get over it and make the changes. I support an increase of Parnasus Heights a move from 7 to 5.

Chris Romero My corner is being split out of our district. This change was made out of session and there was no discussion of it. Please don't make this cut.

Debra Walker I understand the reasoning in Mission but also see the debate on actual boundary. If we had more time we could have done much more. We need to go up into a precinct that I'll let someone else talk about because of time.

Tab Buckner The 6 blocks of sunnyside moved into 8, those should be back to 7, it is traditional and move areas in other part of 7, it's more flexible than you think. I also understand the Duboce triangle but changes are possible, please re-examine.

Dick Millet District 10. Pleased with the northern and eastern boundaries but I don't know about the southern boundary. I'd also like to remind folks that we did elect a minority in district 10, it just wasn't the mayor's candidate.

Espanola Jackson This is the 5th time I've been here historically saying that Bayview/Hunter's Point has a 20 year history of working together with Portrero Hill. We have connections. If not for Portrero Hill, Sophie Maxwell never would have been elected. We need Portrero Hill because folks in Bayview/Hunter's Point don't vote.

Murray Why is Portrero Hill electing Bayview's supervisor a good thing?

Jackson Four African American's ran for supervisor in the district. Afterwards we all endorsed Maxwell and in the end, she was elected because of Portrero Hill.

Murray Is she listening to you?

Jackson If you put us in with the Portola area, it's all Asians and Italians. They won't allow a black leader

Claire McGhee Russian Hill. I just wanted to point out that it takes six supervisors to get anything passed. The Russian Hill split is ok with me and I think this is a good map.

Joseph McGuire Yesterday you created new ballot types in three different areas. I hope you can look at these areas and see if you can eliminate some of these.

Michael Goldstein Day 7. I'd like to add district 8 changes combine upper Duboce and Haight St so we can take other blocks back into 5 and all of St. Mary's. Sunnyside area is nothing like district 8.

Esperanza Macias I understand the need to compromise and I know 9 does too. It was hard for us to accept but we also want Latino VAP numbers to go up. Our thanks to Trasvina and Craig for their work on that topic.

Betty Trainor Some last hour comments for the SRO community, I'll speak for them. The East border of 6/9 on 17th, please set this so we can do our work.

Paul Hogan Alexis De Toquille Club. Regarding the Haight in 5 or 8 controversy, I think 5 is the right place for it. I also ask you to find way to further unite Hayes Valley. In the east, Waller to Filmore Ok. South - Filmore to Hernon. Hernon to Market good. The blocks west of Waller (Buena Vista to Haight) should go back into 8.

Davy Jones I am concerned about the community center being moved into district 8. It serves District 6 and the non-profits in 6 also need the center in 6.

Denise LaPoint IPIA. I support this map. Thanks for honoring our natural boundaries.

END OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Murray I'd like to call on Mr. Jacobs regarding Monday

Jacobs You need to vote on a final map. So, if you change the map today you'll have to meet Monday.

Craig Do we have rooms?

Johnson Yes 416 during the day and 406 in the evening

Trasvina Seems like the little changes proposed are very minor. St. Mary's and Woodland areas. These seem like easy changes to do. If we have to meet tomorrow we should even if we don't have everyone here.

Craig Can we have the consultants take a look at those two areas right now and then if Mr. McGuire is still here have the consultants look at his map and see if we can eliminate some ballot types.

Donaldson Let's see if we can make these little changes and meet tomorrow to vote if we can. I'd rather not meet tomorrow but I will.

Craig I'd also like us to look at the Golden Gate / McAllister area.

Mecke I'm just looking at the deviations and Moving St. Mary's seems to have major implications, sending us above the 1% and 5% requirements in several districts. I tend to agree with Masias that if there is an even level of dissatisfaction then we have done the best we can. Every change we make someone in the public will have a reason to complain.

Leong I agree with Mecke. The map is not perfect, but it never will be. Each minor change can push us over the deviation limits.

Prozan I'm only coming tomorrow if we revisit the Portrero Hill issues – Just Kidding. The woodland area is a small area. I am proud to call myself a progressive

Craig I wouldn't have used that word here...

Prozan Yes, but I am and I think that this small change can be made .I agree with Donaldson.

Trasvina Let's just take the map as is.

Craig I think we need to keep in mind that this is a 10 year plan and we need treat it as such.

Donaldson We have 5 votes

Craig But if we can save the city some money by eliminating some ballot types we should.

Trasvina I think we've seen that five votes often becomes four. My changes and the ballot types need to be addressed. If we need to let Leong give written comments before or after the fact, we do.

Mecke I think we need to have an open discussion on why 5 is such a priority.

MacDonald These changes cause significant problems. Especially the ballot type. Also, changing will also cause money issues because we will have to do all this work all over again. This map is pretty much it.

Trasvina What is the impact of the Woodland Change?

Ashton 5/8 border there would be no change but the 5/7 border would change. And every change that is made effects two other districts. There is no way to unite these areas without splitting others

Trasvina But we're only at 2.5%. We can move

Ashton All these areas are very highly populated.

Trasvina so no area small enough to accommodate the change?

Ashton Let me look

Public Commentator (no name given) What we are looking for is a switch take one part of 5 for another.

Murray Can we have the commissioners in their seats and the public in theirs?

Ashton To unite that area you would be over 3.6%

MacDonald For the record, that particular street, the census block divides the street so that adding one area means adding the whole block. Precincts and census blocks have nothing to do with each other.

Craig How many people in that large area?

Ashton 1000 plus

Craig So then we really can't make that change

Leong I'd like to vote on map. If vote is defeated then you can come back tomorrow.

Trasvina As much as I would like to make the change, I trust the consultants and defer to their expertise. They have been completely open and honest. Any changes now are monumental

Prozan Commissioner Donaldson, what is your motion?

Donaldson To accept the map presented to the task force today, complete by us on Saturday.

Craig Since this is our final vote, we should have a roll call vote.

Motion 4/11/02-1 To accept the map created by the task force and consultants with public input on 4/13/02 and presented on 4/14/02 as the final map for San Francisco Supervisorial Districts.

Roll Call Vote

Craig	Yes
Trasvina	Yes
Bisho	Yes

Cheng	No
Donaldson	Yes
Leong	No
Mecke	Yes
Murray	No (passed initially and then votes no)
Prozan	No

Murray I'd like to enter a statement

Mecke I object to that. I didn't get to qualify my vote, he shouldn't be able to qualify his.

Craig I'd like to allow the no votes the opportunity to explain

Murray Over the next 10 years in addition to the data we already have the Asian and Latino population will become more important and we are not bringing them the opportunity vote their choice.

Cheng This was a very difficult decision. I am not invalidating the process or our work but when I look at the options in terms of legal and etc I give us an A. But, tradition values and legal issues are only the start. We have not done our best to keep neighborhoods together or to avoid dilution. On all three scores I'm greatly bothered by the numbers. I think especially districts 10 & 11 we haven't done our job. In 90% of instances I can not satisfy myself that this is the best we can do. But I am honored to be part of the process.

Prozan I enjoyed working with all of you. It would be easy to say I'm still crying over spilled milk and maybe I am but talking to groups I think the decision to keep northern border at 17th limited us in making VAP choices.

Leong I want to express my gratitude to commissioners, staff, consultants and public. I will say that this map, that we narrowly approved has many flaws. The reason I voted no is because I have problems with the African American, Asian and Latino community numbers that go down and that we split more communities than I am comfortable with. It's been interesting

Trasvina I'd like to say thanks to the staff, consultants, and Chad (applause and eventual standing ovation for staff/consultants, attorney) I'll leave it to others to say how close we got. Districts do make a difference but a district does not elect a supervisor, people do. When you drive around San Francisco and look down on the city you don't see district lines.

I am surprised by the votes of my colleagues. Specifically, when you look at Bayview / Hunter's Point under the original lines it was 25% African American, under the new district lines it is at 27%. When you look at the map you won't be pleased with everything, no one will be. The public who spent time with us as well as those at home with their kids and at 2nd jobs, the emergency personnel in this city. They don't work only in one district. As Ms. Maxwell said., we work for the welfare of the city. Now lets work for the next 10 years.

Donaldson I had hoped for a unanimous vote. We worked for 2 months and listened to the public. I'm sorry we had these differences. I'm glad the map passed, this is the best we could do. It's true that we don't think of districts as we move through San Francisco. I am satisfied.

Mecke Wow, what a week. I leave today satisfied that we have come full circle. We started out politically and we end that way. I think that's good. I'm glad for the 5-4 vote. This was a difficult process. I don't think we passed up a Holy Grail map. This is what happens when you put 9 people from 9 different backgrounds. Sometimes I would be nice if we could, but we can't just do a big grid.

Thanks to the masochists who continually game to these meetings. You guys have been great. To Staff, Chad, thanks. Karin, Diana, God Bless You.

Bisho I was hoping the others wouldn't give speeches, I'm not a public speaker. Thanks to Tony Hall, my supervisor, for helping me get appointed to this task force. This is the oddest process I've ever been through. Glad that we've done it. The plan is the fairest we could do. I've gotta say, having my name next to the seal of San Francisco is very cool.

Craig I'd like to say, first off, that I 'd don't think you guys are crazy like Commissioner Mecke. You've shown that you care about San Francisco and understand that the lines help determine how folks work together. Your input has been very beneficial and we've learned a lot. Especially that the supervisors are doing a lot of work that doesn't make the paper but is very important.

I've made a lot of friends through this process. Ray Vitale is someone I met during the last redistricting process and he had become a very good friend. I hope that maybe I'll be able to say I became friends with some of you through this process. Also, thanks to staff and Chad. You've done excellent work, brought us food and generally taken care of us. Chad has been very pleasant to work with. Kate Gillespie also very hard working and showed own dedication to the process and reaching as many people as possible. I'm sorry Bruce Cain is not here. Diana and Karin I really can't say enough good things about you two. Also Pat Egan, from their office. I had the opportunity, as did some of the public to work with him, he's very cool.

I'd also like to thank the redistricting coalition, especially Diane Chen and Michael Harris. I think it's unfortunate that the map got labeled the MALDEF map, It was San Francisco groups that put that together, they just used MALDEF software. They had no obligation to put so much work in and make such a wonderful map, but they did.

We worked very hard. Earlier this week I was concerned that the adversarial atmosphere was going to lead to a map drawn in court. For those of you thinking that would still be a good outcome, I hope you'll rethink that because a lot of work has been done here.

Thank you to Claudine Chen for her outreach chairman or chairpersonship and all her hardwork. John Murray as our budget chair, he's not done yet, but so long as he's leading us we'll be ok.

I'm sorry we ended up with the same vote as beginning of the week. I'm not happy with the map. I think that with one more day, week or month we could have done more to fix some of the problems but under the time constraints we faced this is the best we could do.

Murray I'd also like to thank Gwenn Craig. She accepted the chair before a large target was placed on her back and I believe she did a very good job.

Second, we have talked about a final meeting. I'd like to have that meeting Monday April, 29 at 6pm the budget committee could meet for 30 min and then a short full meeting to wrap things up. I'd like to suggest a meal after we have disbanded that evening. We won't be bound by legal restrictions against it.

Leong I'd also like to recognize Commissioner Donaldson for his chairmanship of the legal committee as well.

Murray Excuse me, the budget committee will also need to look at getting more money for the consultants.

Craig If that's everything, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Murray moves Leong seconds.

Craig Any Public Comment?

Seeing none, vote?

Motion passes unanimously

Adjourn 3:32pm

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1) CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL
- 2) PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

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- 4) APPROVAL OF FINAL REPORT ON REDISTRICTING BASED ON THE 2000 UNADJUSTED CENSUS DATA. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
 - 5) PRESENTATION BY BUDGET COMMITTEE REGARDING BUDGET, COSTS TO DATE, AND REALLOCATION OF BUDGETARY FUNDS; DIRECTION TO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS REGARDING FINALIZING CONTRACTS, PAYING OUTSTANDING BILLS AND WORKING WITH CONTROLLER AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING REMAINING FUNDS IN TASK FORCE BUDGET. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
 - 6) SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)
 - 7) GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 8) ADJOURNMENT
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April 29, 2002 at 6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Gwenn Craig called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

Elections Task Force Members Present: John Trasvina, Claudine Cheng, Dave Bisho, Gwenn Craig, Herbert Donaldson, Bowman Leong, John Murray, Rebecca Prozan

City Attorney: Julie Moll

Dept. of Elections Staff: Grace Lee, Crispin Tiriso

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II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING OR NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA THAT ARE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ELECTIONS TASK FORCE ON REDISTRICTING

David Roger I think that the job you did should be a guide for future redistricting Task Forces, because you weren't out with political knives to cut people out of districts, you weren't out to make radical changes. Districts were kept intact, perhaps a few neighborhoods were more divided. The results were pretty solomonic and you are all to be congratulated. I really do hope future task forces look at what you've done as a model. Right from the start you really went out of your way to be fair.

April 29, 2002

V. PRESENTATION BY BUDGET COMMITTEE REGARDING BUDGET, COSTS TO DATE, AND REALLOCATION OF BUDGETARY FUNDS; DIRECTION TO DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS REGARDING FINALIZING CONTRACTS, PAYING OUTSTANDING BILLS AND WORKING WITH CONTROLLER AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING REMAINING FUNDS IN TASK FORCE BUDGET. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Craig Perhaps we'll take matters out of order. We'll do the Budget Committee report first.

Murray We've identified an adjustment that will balance our budget. The budget showed a short fall of \$3884.66, so we adjusted the budget for printing of the Citywide maps and Supervisorial District maps down from \$5,200 to \$1315.34. It's not a perfect solution as the maps will still need to be printed by the Department of Elections. It holds in reserves amounts for MIS support and field work. All other funds identified by the staff are taken care of. The alternative approach would be to go back and try to get additional monies withheld by the Board of Supervisors. However, that would require additional meetings, which I'm not in favor of.

Motion 042902-1 (Murray, seconded by Bisho) Accept the budget with proposed change to printing budget of \$1315.34 from \$5,200 and direct staff to execute any remaining contracts that are required to make payments in the amount of the budget.

Cheng Can we set a time frame for staff to make payments.

Murray We can ask the staff to wrap up the matters of the open items within 90 days. Grace, will that allow enough time for the Field Work and MIS Work?

Lee I'm not clear on what amount of time is needed.

Murray So, I'm going to exclude those two items and say that for the rest of the matters, 90 days. All of those items are identified costs.

Craig Is a contract required for work done by the consultants?

Moll Yes, a contract is required.

Motion 042902-1 Amended and Restated (Murray, seconded by Bisho) Approve Draft Accounting of Task Force on Redistricting Expense worksheet, with printing costs for Citywide maps and Supervisorial District maps reduced to \$1315.34 total, and directing Department of Elections staff to make payments on expenses within 90 days, with the exception of the expenses for Field Work, MIS Support, and Printing of the maps, which shall have 6 months for completion. Unanimously carried.

VI SCHEDULING OF FUTURE TASK FORCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Bisho Disband the budget committee?

Murray Can the Task Force Committee disband the budget committee? Perhaps we can get some advice from the City Attorney.

Moll I've distributed a memo that outlines the continuing responsibility of the Task Force. The Charter requires that in the redistricting process, the City use the adjusted census data. If the adjusted data is not available, then the unadjusted data is to be used, which is what happened in this case. But the Charter

contemplates that when adjusted data is available, the City has to go back and make a determination using the adjusted data and whether the lines conform with the legal requirements. Because of this, the Task Force cannot formally disband until the adjusted data is released and a determination has been made that the lines drawn are valid. What we suggest you do is make a determination that you will not meet regularly until such time that the data is available. When the data is available, the City Attorney or Department of Elections will notify you on what to do next.

Craig What is the time frame for us to receive the adjusted data?

Moll We have no way to predict when you'll receive the data.

Bisho What if it's not for another year? There must be a time limit for when this adjusted data is available. Not that it bothers me.

Craig Are we waiting for information from the Federal Government?

Moll It's the US Census Bureau that prepares the adjusted data. It is hard to predict when the data will be available.

Murray If we suspend the activities of the Task Force Committee, are we still considered a standing body for other purposes, like SC-700, and all other purposes.

Moll Yes, as long as you continue to be public officials, you'll have an obligation to file an annual Form 700, the Annual Statement of Economic Interests.

Trasvina We are free to resign, just as we're free to resign at any time?

Moll You could resign, and your appointing authority will have the opportunity to designate a replacement.

Motion 042901-2 (Bisho, seconded by Prozan) The Task Force shall not meet until the adjusted data is available.

Public Comment on Motion:

Christopher Bowman There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Prop G provides that if the data is not available for the 2004 Election, then you're off the hook for the next 6 years, and at that time you will convene for the purpose of adjournment or disbandment of the Task Force Committee.

Craig Does that seem to agree with your reading of Prop G?

Moll Proposition G doesn't set an explicit deadline. (Referring to Bowman) Would you like to take a look at Proposition G?

Craig I have a question about the field workers. Does the task force have responsibility for that work? Who oversees their work?

Moll The City Attorney is responsible for writing new text describing the new boundaries, for publication in the Charter.

Moll With regard to Prop G, if the adjusted data is not available by the April 15th deadline, then the unadjusted data is used. When the adjusted data becomes available, the deadline for redrawing lines, if

redrawing is required, is again April 15 before the next supervisory election. This could be next year or five years from now.

Donaldson I think that the Task Force commission should adjourn to the call of the Chair.

Motion 042902-3 (Murray, seconded by Bisho) The Task Force shall reconvene when revised data is available or upon the earlier call of the chair. Motion unanimously carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: 3/12/02, 3/25/02, 3/28/02, 4/1/02, 4/8/02, 4/9/02, 4/10/02, AND 4/11/02 (TASK FORCE MEETINGS); 3/16/02 (POTRERO HILL), 3/21/02 (WEST PORTAL), 3/21/02 (EVERETT MIDDLE), 3/22/02 (RICHMOND REC), 3/23/02 (MARINA), 3/23/02 (TARAVAL), 3/26/02 (PARK BRANCH), 3/26/02 (ST. LUKE'S), 4/2/02 (HILLCREST ELEMENT.), 4/3/02 (GATEWAY HIGH), 4/4/02 (WOMEN'S BLDG.), AND 4/6/02 (LADY SHAW) (TASK FORCE COMMUNITY MEETINGS); 3/22/02 (OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING); 4/1/02 AND 4/8/02 (BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS) (ACTION ITEM)

Craig and Trasvina outlined their edits to the minutes:

Mar 12	10	corrected the spelling of MALDEF
Mar 23	1	replaced John Trasvina with Herbert Donaldson as the person who called the meeting to order
Mar 25	12	replaced Overberg with Oveanview
Mar 28	10	replaced MALDEV with MALDEF
Mar 28	15	replaced Cickles with Sickles
Apr 1	4	corrected spelling of Morie with Mori
Apr 1	10	changed Chang to Cheng
Apr 1	11	replaced "Cain expressed..." with "Bisho expressed ..."
Apr 9	3	replaced "Craig we past ..." with "Craig we passed ..."
Apr 9	4	replaced Smirnen with Spearman
Apr 9	6	replaced Prifty with Prifti
Apr 9	6	replaced Bwaylow with Boileau
Apr 9	7	replaced Mark Solomon with Marc Salomon
Apr 9	7	added "also home porting the USS Missouri" to Chris Bowman's remark
Apr 10	7	replaced Trasvina's remark of "We can be contradictory ..." with "We can't be contradictory ..."
Apr 11	17	took away the phrase "Technical consultant" after Professor Harris' name.
Apr 11	47	took away the word "Lady" from "Lady City Hall"
Apr 11	50	corrected name "Acad Jaicks" to "Agar Jaicks"

Motion 042902-4 (Prozan, seconded by Bisho) To approve the minutes with revisions and corrections.

Public Comment on Motion:

Doug Comstock I hope that the records will be kept much longer than 10 years. They're a wonderful commentary on the neighborhoods of San Francisco. I hope that the work is kept in perpetuity. It will be of great value to historians.

Trasvina I think the staff did a great job on getting the minutes prepared.

Craig I was very impressed with the minute taking.

Motion 042903-4 Unanimously carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF FINAL REPORT ON REDISTRICTING BASED ON THE 2000 UNADJUSTED CENSUS DATA. (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)

Murray I'd like some advice or commentary from the City Attorney regarding this report.

Moll The report is a statement of work of the task force and voting to adopt the report doesn't suggest that you've changed your vote on the boundaries.

Murray Just as a clarification, we're voting on the recording of the lines?

Moll That's right. And there's some narrative that describes the variances.

Craig We're on agenda item #4. Is there any discussion on this item?

Donaldson This report indicates what the final result is. I think it does an excellent job on doing that.

Craig Let's all take a look at this report. See if you have any questions or comments. I have a question for the City Attorney. How are the records, such as the minutes, tapes, of the Task Force, made available to the public?

Moll The Task Force can give direction to the Department of Elections if the Task Force wants materials to be preserved in a particular way, beyond what is legally required.

Craig What are the legal requirements?

Moll I would need to look at the Department's record retention policy. I don't believe the law currently requires that the minutes be preserved for 10 years.

Murray I think we should keep our records until the next redistricting cycle.

Craig Perhaps we can direct the Department of Elections staff regarding this.

Motion 042902-5 (Donaldson, seconded by Trasvina) All records of the Task Force Committee shall be retained by the Department of Elections until the next Task Force is appointed.

Prozan It may be worthwhile to look into submitting the minutes to the History Department of the Main Library.

Craig The Department of Elections staff should check to see if there is interest in such records by the Main Library.

Lee Okay. I will check into it.

Craig So we should make this part of the motion?

Donaldson Alright. I'll do that.

Motion 042902-5 (Donaldson, seconded by Trasvina) Unanimously carried.

Motion 042902-6 (Donaldson, seconded by Trasvina) Approval of the Final Report.

Public Comment on Final Census Report:

Bowman It's a straightforward report. I only have a problem with the first sentence on the second page. We should amend it to read: The new districts are compact, contiguous, and in most cases reflect communities of interest within San Francisco. Also add: The task force was unable to unite a number of neighborhoods, including the Portola, Inner Mission, Inner Sunset, and Russian Hill. And that would be an objective accounting of what you did.

Motion 042902-6 Unanimously carried.

Murray With regard to the edits to these minutes, is the Department of Elections staff to make these edits and that will be it?

Moll The Task Force can appoint a member to review and finally approve them.

Motion 042902-7 (Craig) Appoint Trasvina to conduct a final review of the minutes. Unanimously carried.

VII GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No general public comment.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

